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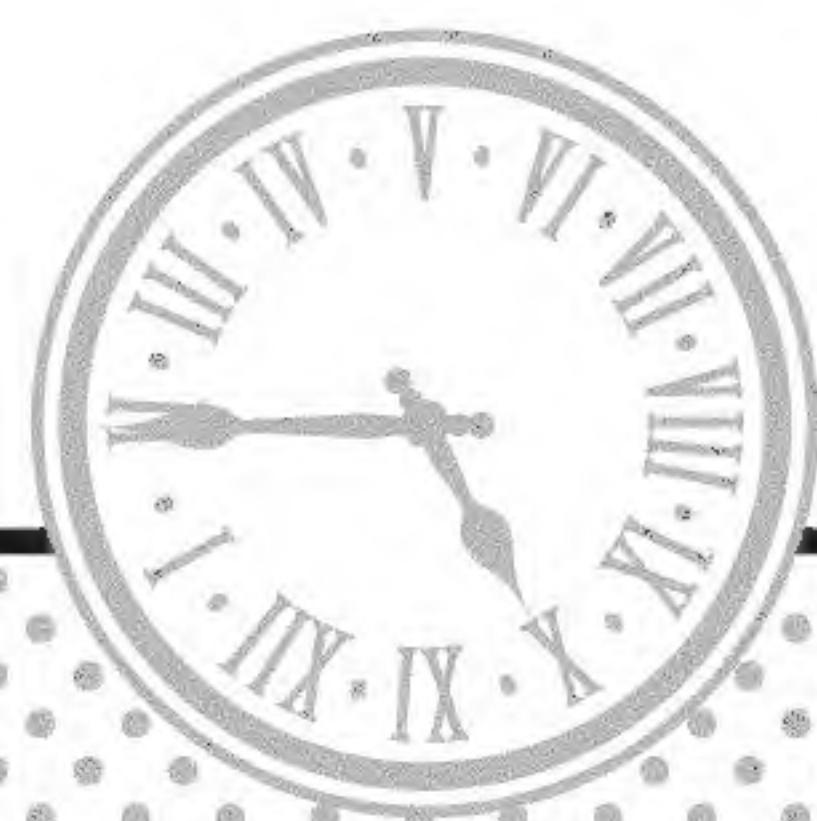
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BLINK
はちゅん

CHAPTER 17

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Can You
Teach Me Something?



MY
ROOM?

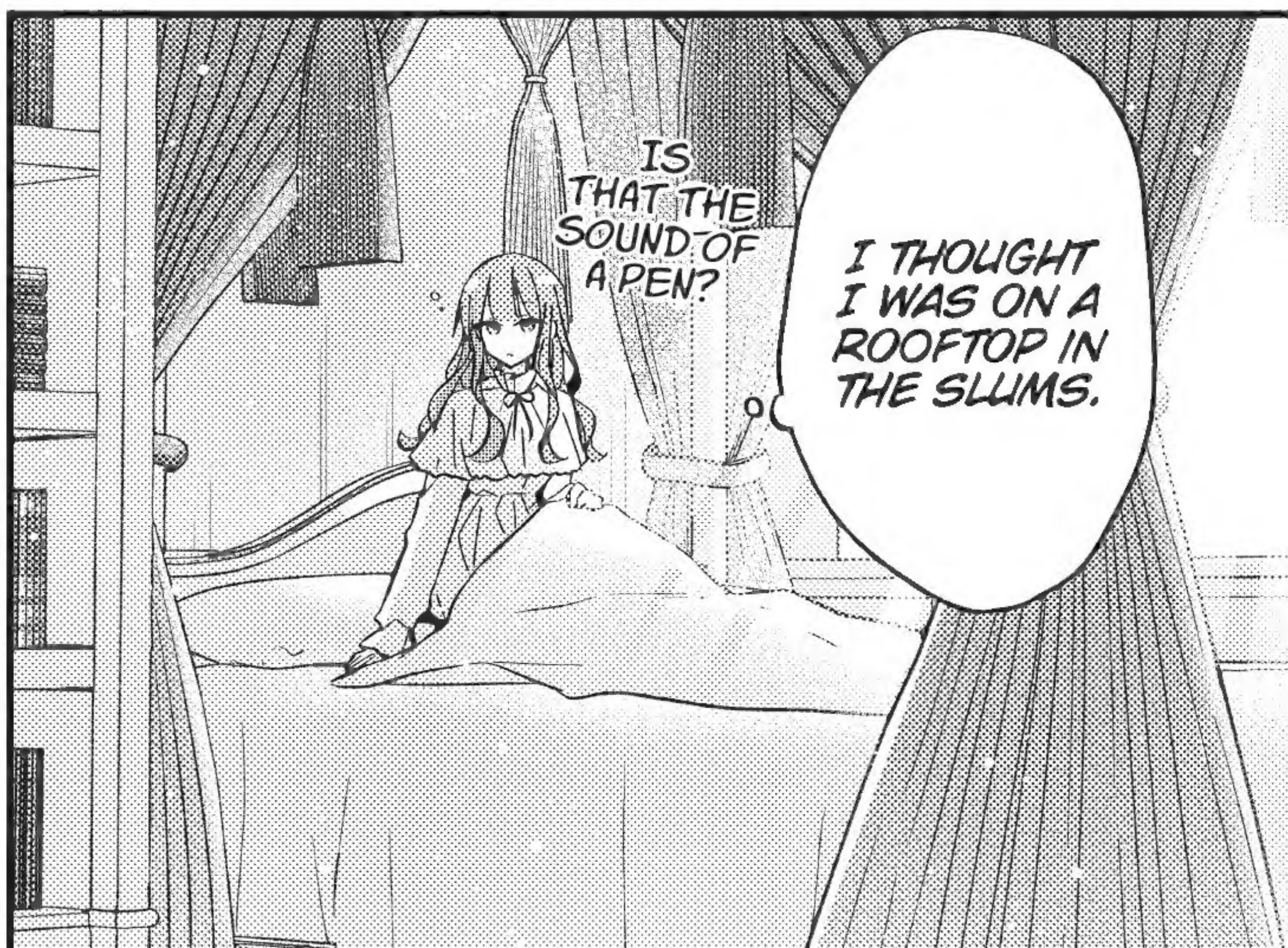
SCRIBBLE
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AH!
はちゅん

HUH?



IS
THAT THE
SOUND OF
A PEN?

I THOUGHT
I WAS ON A
ROOFTOP IN
THE SLUMS.



I WON'T MIND IF YOU SLEEP A LITTLE MORE.

HALF A DAY...?!



YOU'RE UP ALREADY?

PRINCE ARNOLD?!



GASP!
はっ

I'M SORRY
...!



IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, I HAD WORK TO FINISH.

DID YOU STAY WITH ME ALL NIGHT?!

"TO MY SISTER-IN-LAW."

"I'M SORRY FOR THE AWFUL THINGS I DID TO YOU."

"THERE ARE MANY THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, BUT IN BRIEF..."



"I WILL REPAY WHAT I OWE YOU."

"I'M EVEN HAPPY TO PROVIDE MANPOWER FROM THE SLUMS FOR THAT PURPOSE."

"IF YOU EVER NEED SOMEONE FROM THE UNDERWORLD, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON US."

"YOU'D BETTER BE GRATEFUL!"



"THAT'S A REASSURING OFFER, BUT..."

"I'D RATHER AVOID THAT KIND OF SITUATION ENTIRELY..."

"THANK YOU."

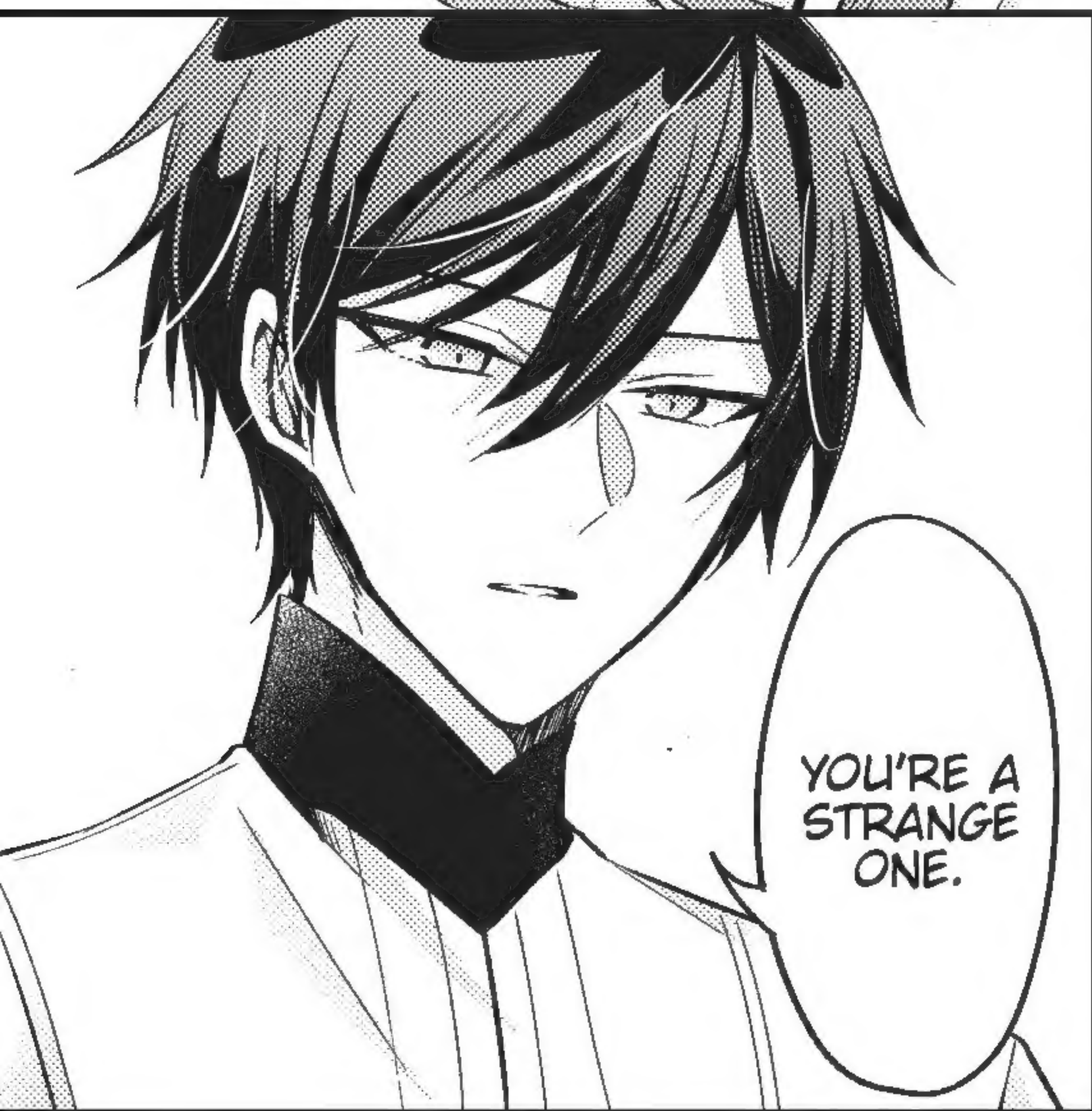
SHFF

"ALSO..."



MAYBE
SOMETHING'S
CHANGED FROM
ALL OF MY
OTHER LIVES.

YOU MUST
HAVE TALKED
TO PRINCE
THEODORE.



YOU'RE A
STRANGE
ONE.



WHY
ARE YOU
SMILING
LIKE
THAT?

BECAUSE
I'M
HAPPY, OF
COURSE.



I BROKE THE
PROMISE TO
NOT TOUCH
YOU DIRECTLY
AGAIN.

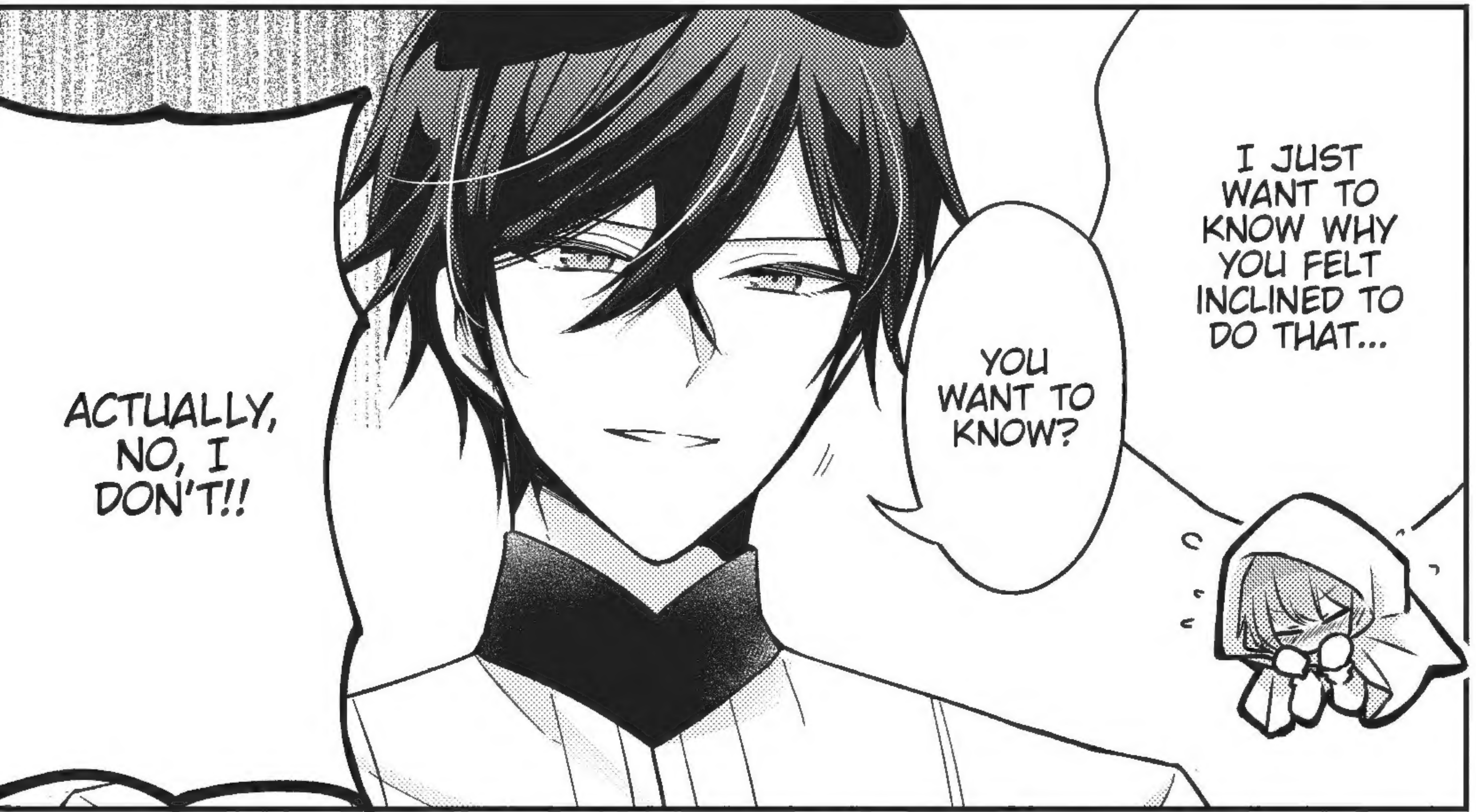
SOME-
THING I'D
LIKE?

?

LET ME
KNOW OF
SOMETHING
ELSE YOU'D
LIKE IN THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS.

OH, I
ALMOST
FORGOT.







FOR MY BROTHER.

I APOLO-GIZE...

THOSE ARE UNMISTAKABLY BROTHERLY WORDS.

I WISH HE COULD HAVE HEARD THAT TOO.

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

AFTER ALL, HE'S GOING TO BE MY BROTHER TOO SOMEDAY.





WHAT
HAPPENED
MIGHT BE...

YES.

I SEE.



IF I KEEP
MAKING
THESE KINDS
OF GRADUAL
CHANGES...

JUST A
MINOR
EVENT IN
THE GRAND
SCHEME
OF
THINGS,
BUT...

I CAN
ALTER THE
FUTURE.



IF I WIN,
WOULD YOU
ANSWER A
QUESTION,
REGARDLESS
OF WHAT
IT IS?

ANY-
WAY!

SINCE I CAN
ASK FOR
ANYTHING I
WANT, THEN...



BUT IF
I LOSE, I'LL DO
WHATEVER YOU
WISH. HOW DOES
THAT SOUND?

ALL
RIGHT.

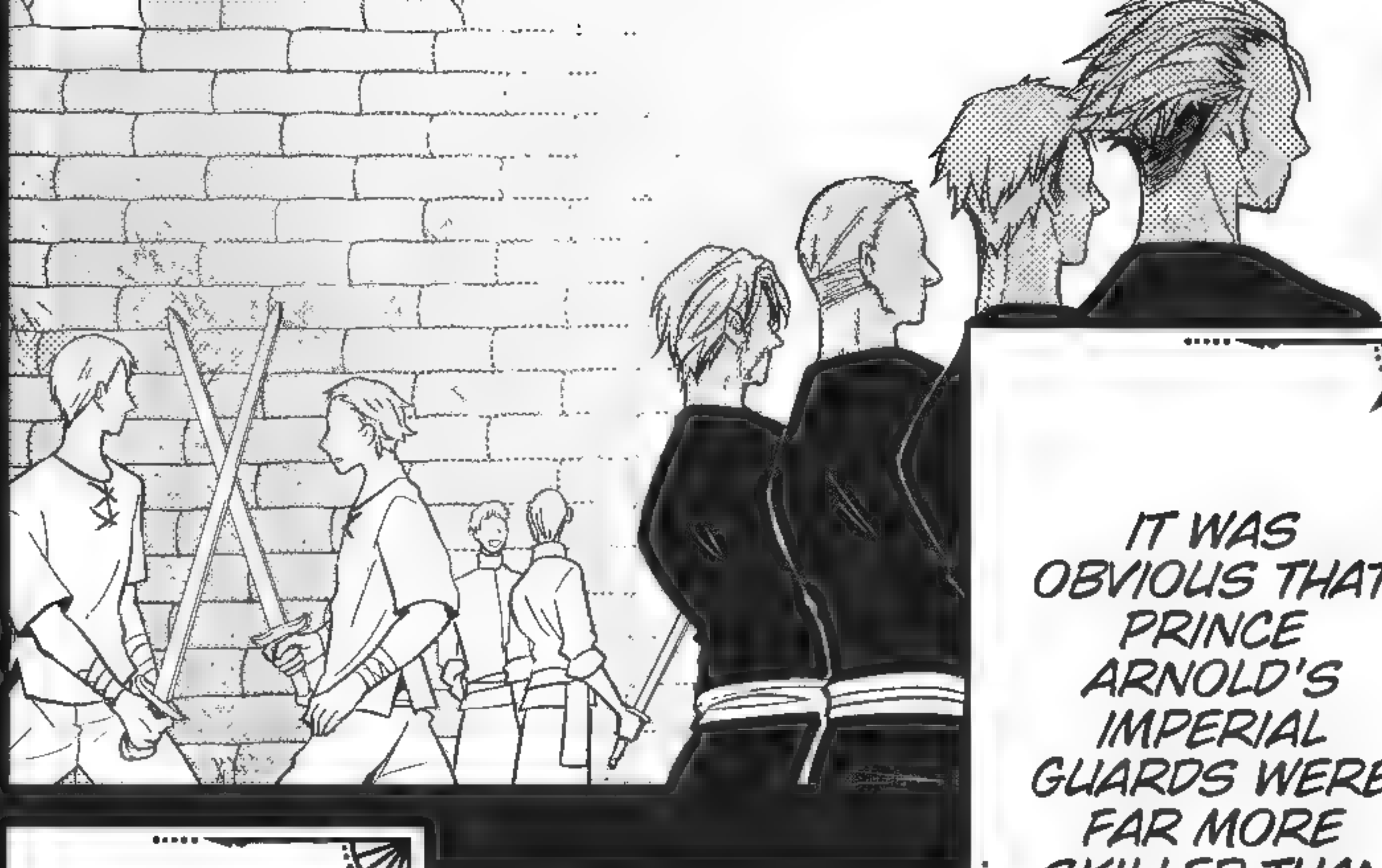


THEN
WITHOUT
FURTHER
ADO...



IT'S TIME FOR
OUR LONG-
AWAITED DUEL!

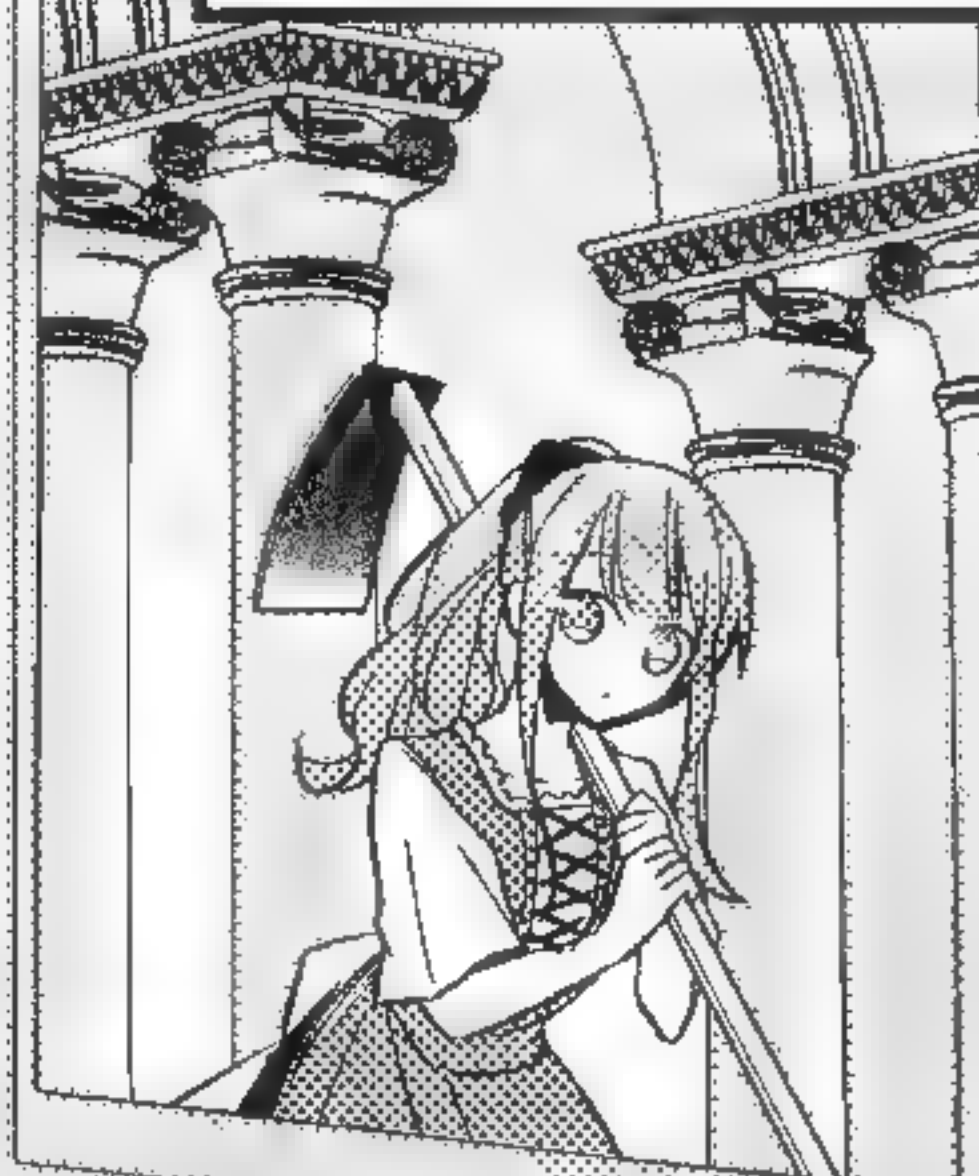




IT WAS
OBVIOUS THAT
PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
IMPERIAL
GUARDS WERE
FAR MORE
SKILLED THAN
THE OTHERS.

WHEN I
OBSERVED
THE TRAINING
REGIMEN OF
THE VARIOUS
UNITS AT THE
KNIGHTS'
TRAINING
GROUNDS...

WHEN THEY
MOVED TO
PROTECT ME,
THEIR MOVE-
MENTS WERE
FLAWLESS
AND SHOWED
NO OPENINGS
WHATSOEVER.



RIGHT NOW,
ONLY PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
IMPERIAL
GUARDS
ARE THAT
STRONG.

THE ARMY
OF GALKHEIN
THAT I SAW
WITH MY OWN
EYES IN MY
LAST LIFE...

EVERY
KNIGHT
WAS A
FORMIDABLE
FOE, NOT
JUST THE
CAPTAINS.

THAT MEANS
THAT HE'LL BUILD
THAT ARMY OF
MIGHTY KNIGHTS
WITHIN THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS.



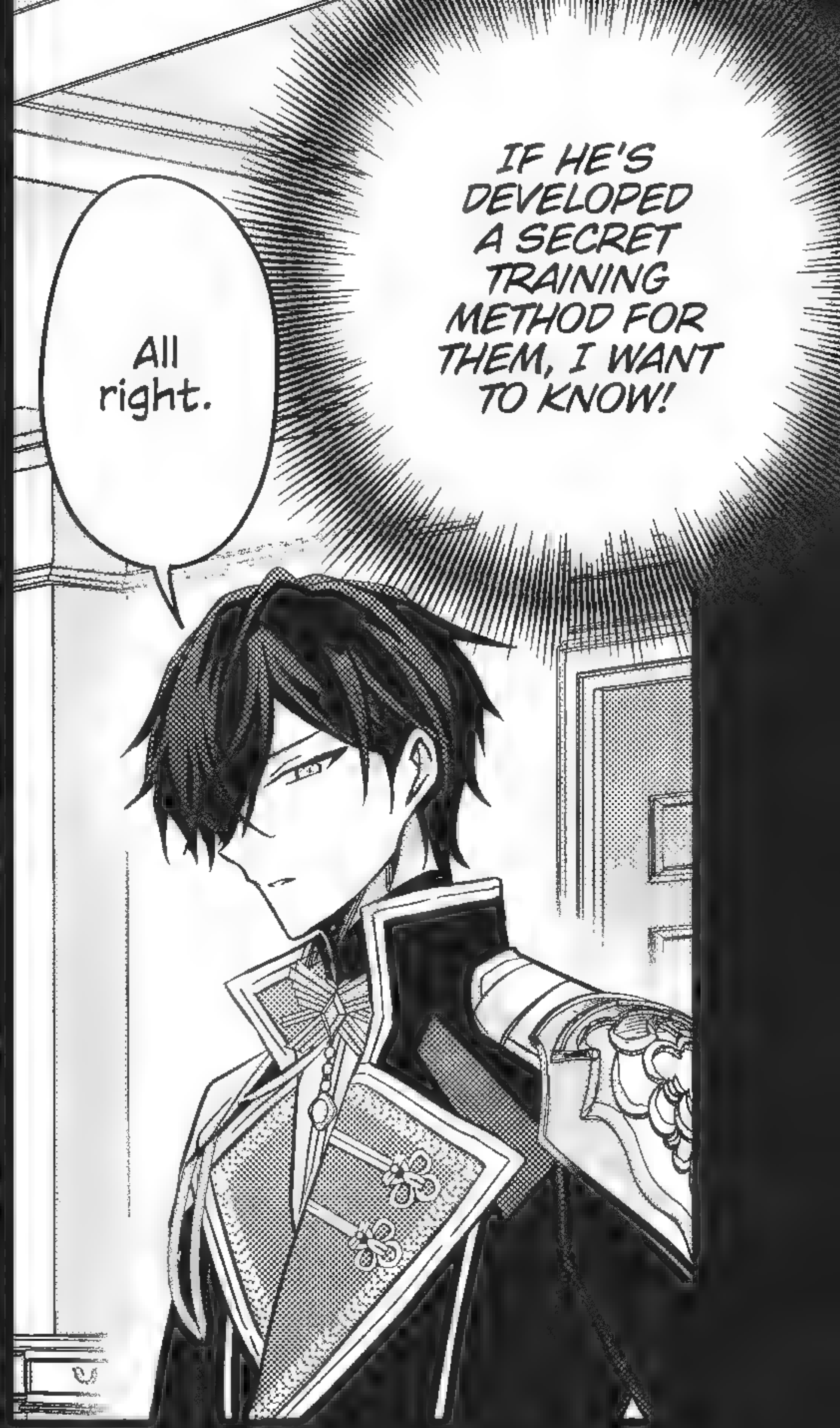


I KNOW
I ASKED,
BUT...

Are you
sure it's not
classified?

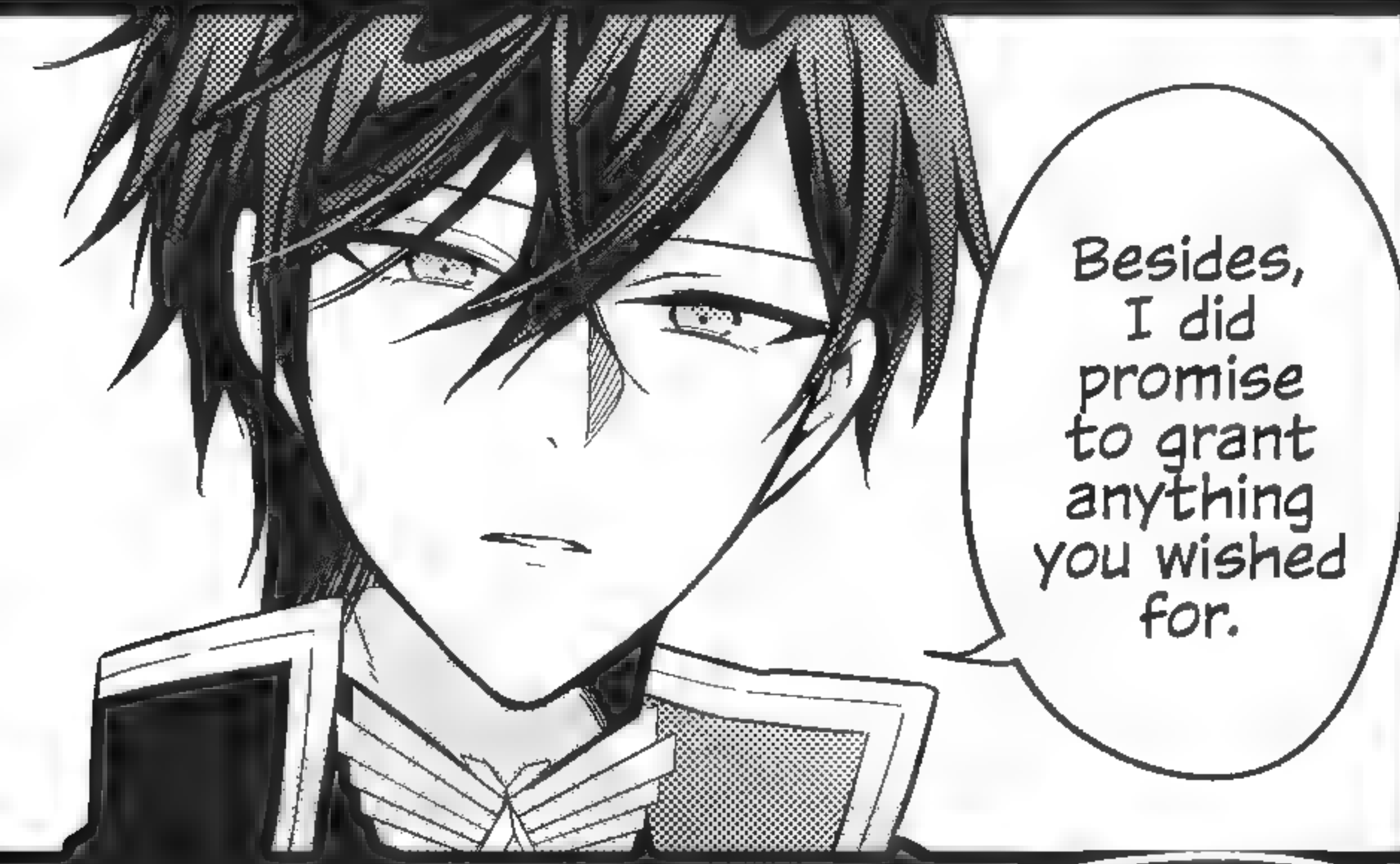
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HUH?

I doubt
there's
anything
wrong with
the wife of
the crown
prince
knowing.



All
right.

IF HE'S
DEVELOPED
A SECRET
TRAINING
METHOD FOR
THEM, I WANT
TO KNOW!



Besides,
I did
promise
to grant
anything
you wished
for.



UH...

Thank
you. That
makes
me very
happy.

Happy?

From what
I know, you
are the most
elegant and
powerful
swordsman
in the whole
world.

—
...
—



Rh-rhe-
torically
speak-
ing, of
course!

AH!

The
whole
world,
huh?

There is
nothing
elegant
about the
art of
taking
lives.

SCUFF

WOBBLE

SHAKE

CLANG



I HAVE TO
MOVE MY GRIP
HIGHER SO THAT
I CAN CONTROL
THE WHOLE SWORD
AND...CORRECT
MY CENTER OF
GRAVITY...STEP
FORWARD
MORE...

IT
THROWS
ME OFF
WHEN I
CAN'T
USE IT.

I NORMALLY
RELY ON
MY LEFT
HAND FOR
BALANCE...

IS THAT
ALL
YOU'VE
GOT?



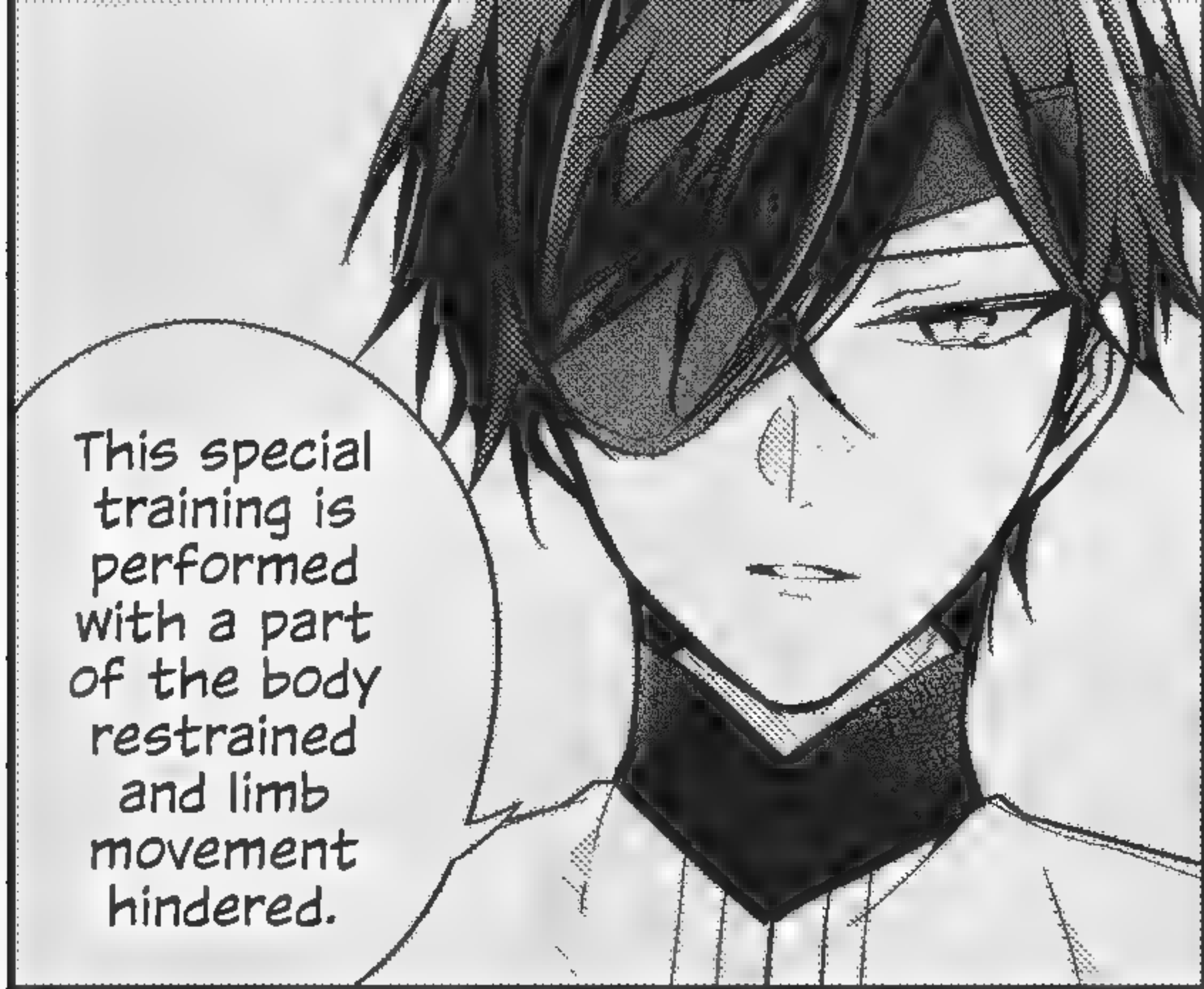
YAH!

"DOES
DUELING WITH
RESTRAINTS
BETTER EMULATE
THE CONDITIONS
OF AN ACTUAL
BATTLEFIELD?"

DASH



GRIP





USE
YOUR
AGILITY
TO YOUR
ADVAN-
TAGE.

STEP
IN WITH
YOUR LEFT
FOOT. YOU
CAN MOVE,
RIGHT?



YOU'RE
TOO STIFF.
DON'T RELY
ON YOUR
STRENGTH.



EVEN IF I'M
BLINDED, I HAVE
TO FIND A WAY
TO TAKE OUT
AS MANY OF
MY ENEMIES
AS I CAN.

EVEN
IF MY
FEET ARE
CRUSHED,
I HAVE
TO KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD.

EVEN
IF MY
ARM IS
LOPPED
OFF, I
HAVE TO
KEEP
SWINGING
MY
SWORD.

THAT'S
HOW...



NOT YET.

ONE
MORE
STEP.







WITH MY
CURRENT
LACK OF
CONDITIONING,
THERE'S NO
WAY I
CAN STOP
HIM.



BUT YOU
MOVE LIKE
SOMEONE
WHO HAS
FACED
SOMEONE
STRONGER
THAN ME.

YOU WERE
THINKING OF
THAT PERSON
WHILE YOU
WERE DUELING
ME, NO?



YOU SAID
THAT I
WAS THE
STRONGEST
SWORDS-
MAN YOU
KNEW.



YOU'RE
TEASING
ME.

THE MOST
POWERFUL
MAN I KNOW
IS YOU,
PRINCE
ARNOLD.



I'M
ENVILOUS.

I THINK
I FEEL A
TINGE OF
JEALOUSY.



WAS MUCH
STRONGER
AND FAR MORE
BRUTAL.

PRINCE
ARNOLD
IN THE
FUTURE...

COME
ON.

PAY A
LITTLE MORE
ATTENTION
TO ME.





THAT
MOMENT...

WHEN I
LANDED MY
ONE BLOW
ON ARNOLD
HEIN...!









HMM.

MY BODY
DIDN'T
HANDLE ALL
THAT MOVE-
MENT VERY
WELL IT
SEEMS.

I NEED
TO REST
FOR A BIT.

MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

BECAUSE
I CAN'T
STOP SHAKING
AFTER OUR
DUEL.



HUH?

ARE YOU
OKAY WITH ME
TOUCHING YOU
IF I'M WEARING
MY GLOVES?

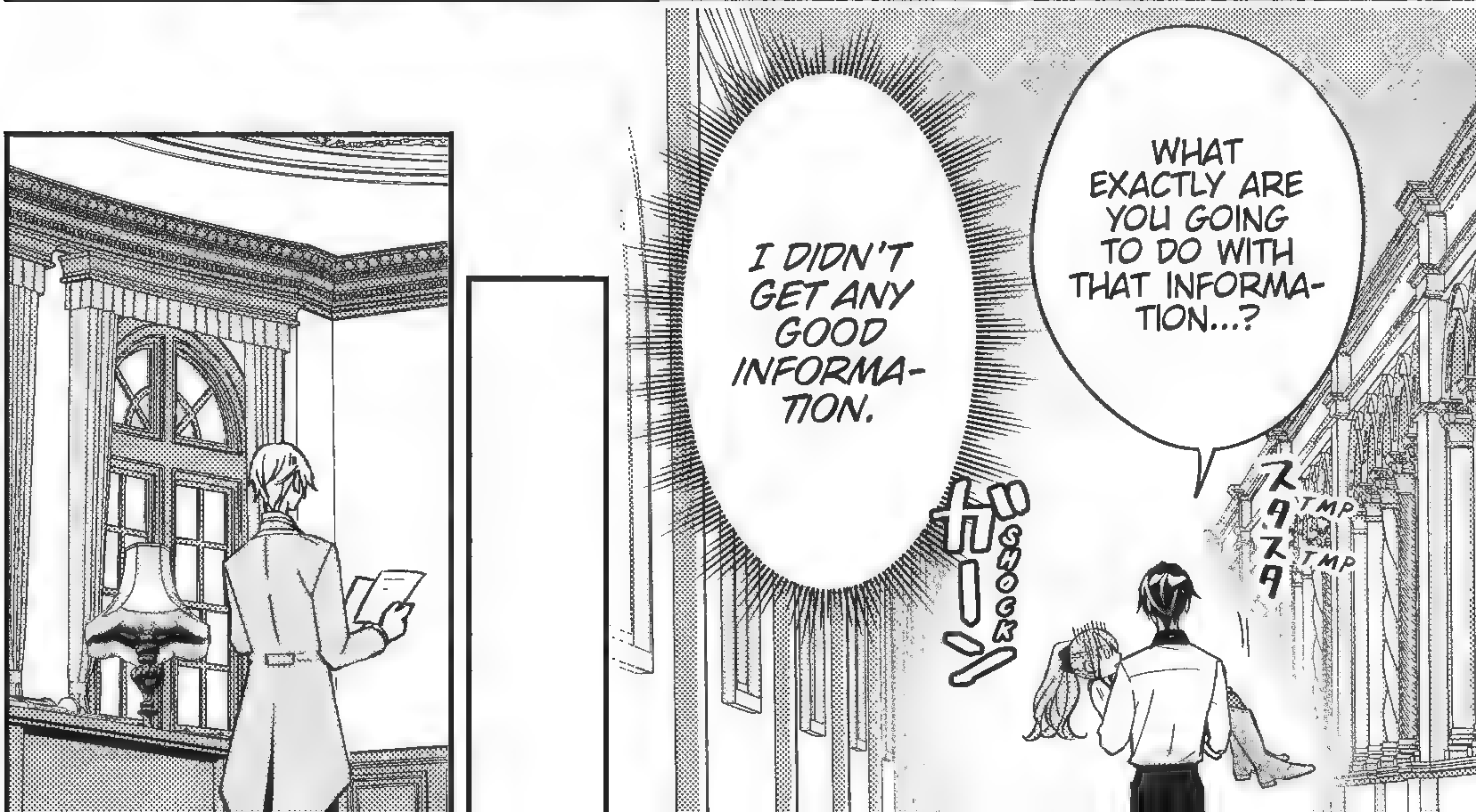
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS?



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FLOAT?









AND WITH THE
ARIA TRADING
COMPANY,
WHICH HAS
BEEN GAIN-
ING ATTEN-
TION FROM
COUNTRIES
ALL OVER
THESE PAST
YEARS...

AS WELL
AS PRINCE
THEODORE
AND THE
PEOPLE OF THE
UNDERWORLD
THAT HE
LEADS...

LADY RISHE
IS ALREADY
VERY CLOSE
TO THE YOUNG
MAIDS OF THIS
CASTLE...

HER INFLUENCE
IS EXPANDING
TO THE POINT
WHERE IT COULD
BE CALLED A
THREAT.

I WONDER
WHAT HIS
HIGHNESS
WILL DO.

THAT
SAID...



"AND I
APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
SHORT
NOTICE FOR
THIS VISIT.

"I WOULD
LIKE TO
AT LEAST
OFFER MY
CONGRATH-
LATIONS IN
ADVANCE...

"I WOULD LOVE
TO BE THERE
FOR THE WED-
DING, BUT I AM
HEARTBRO-
KEN THAT I
CANNOT MAKE
TIME TO COME
CELEBRATE ON
THOSE DATES.

"I SEND
CONGRATULA-
TIONS
TO PRINCE
ARNOLD FOR
HIS ENGAGE-
MENT.



"I WILL NOW
DEPART FOR
GALKHEIN."

I'M SURE
THIS WILL
CAUSE ANOTHER
DISTURBANCE.



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THAT WILL
BE YOUR
TRAINING
SCHEDULE FOR
THE NEXT
TEN DAYS.

Imperial Castle
Fifth Training Camp

THIS TRAINING
IS WHERE WE
SELECT THE
BEST AND
BRIGHTEST OF
YOU TO JOIN
THE KNIGHTS.

REGARDLESS
OF WHERE YOU
COME FROM,
ONLY YOUR
ABILITIES WILL
BE EVALU-
ATED GOING
FORWARD.

I WISH
YOU ALL
THE BEST
IN YOUR DEVEL-
OPMENT.

HMM...
YOU
THERE...

YOU
MUST BE
LUCIUS.

YES, SIR!

GOOD
RESPONSE.

YES, SIR!
THANK YOU!



Rishe's Survival Plan

Physical Training



You're not making very good use of me, you know!

Hey...

The previous day.



I thought it'd be more along the lines of needing help from people in the under-world!

I did!
I did, but...

ARGH...!

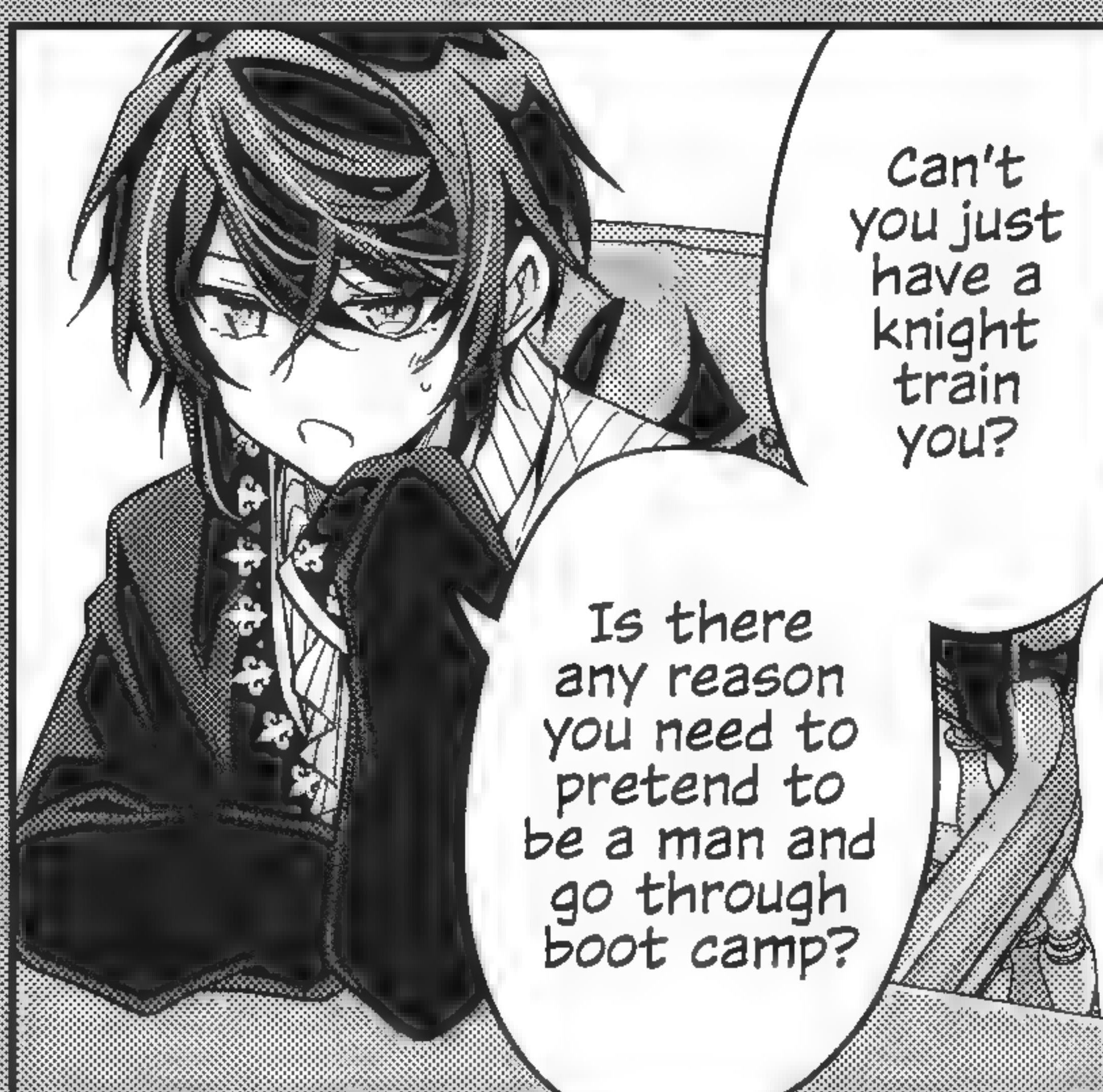
You wrote a letter telling me that you'd help me.



Besides...

I don't want to take up someone's time just for my sake.

And if I join the boot camp without disguising myself, they'd treat me differently.



Can't you just have a knight train you?

Is there any reason you need to pretend to be a man and go through boot camp?

I can't imagine wanting to torture myself like that.

WHOA...
うわあ

I really just want to see what it's like to train with the illustrious military of Galkhein!

WAIT!

SINCE I'M IN THIS KINGDOM!

You... seem awfully used to this.

I can say that you know how to wield a sword, right? You did defeat my men the other day.

I'll come up with your fake identity and contact you later.

Okay, I'll help you, my beautiful sister-in-law.

IT'LL BE PAWKWARD TRYING TO HIDE IT ANYWAY.

SWISH
SWISH
SWISH

SMILE
にやり

Imagine your own wife dressing up as a man and infiltrating the knights.

Thank you, but why the sudden change of heart?

I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY ELSIE AGREED TO WORK WITH YOU.

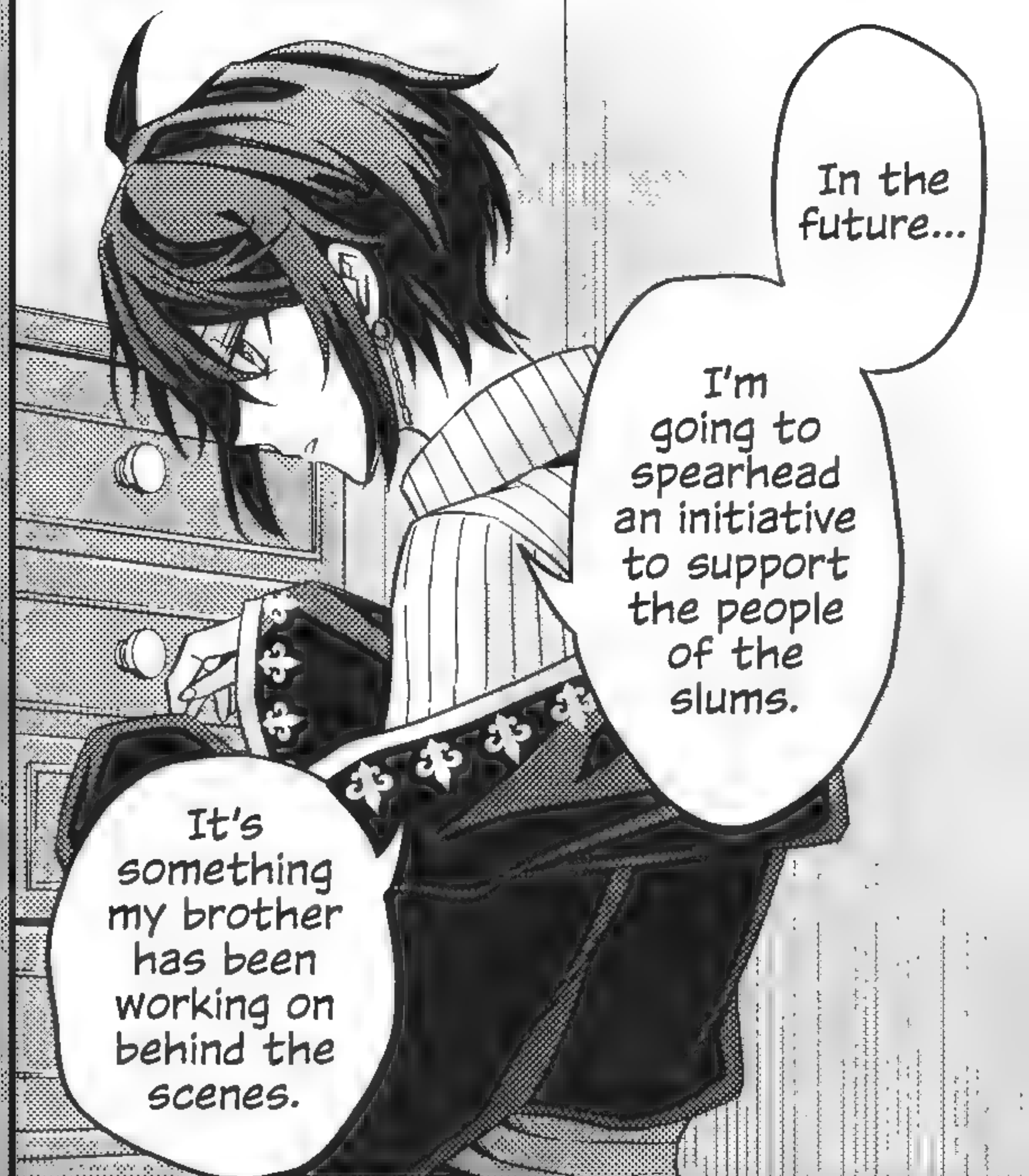
Not even my own brother would expect that.





Does that mean that you will publicly work on this together?

Something like that...



In the future...

I'm going to spearhead an initiative to support the people of the slums.

It's something my brother has been working on behind the scenes.

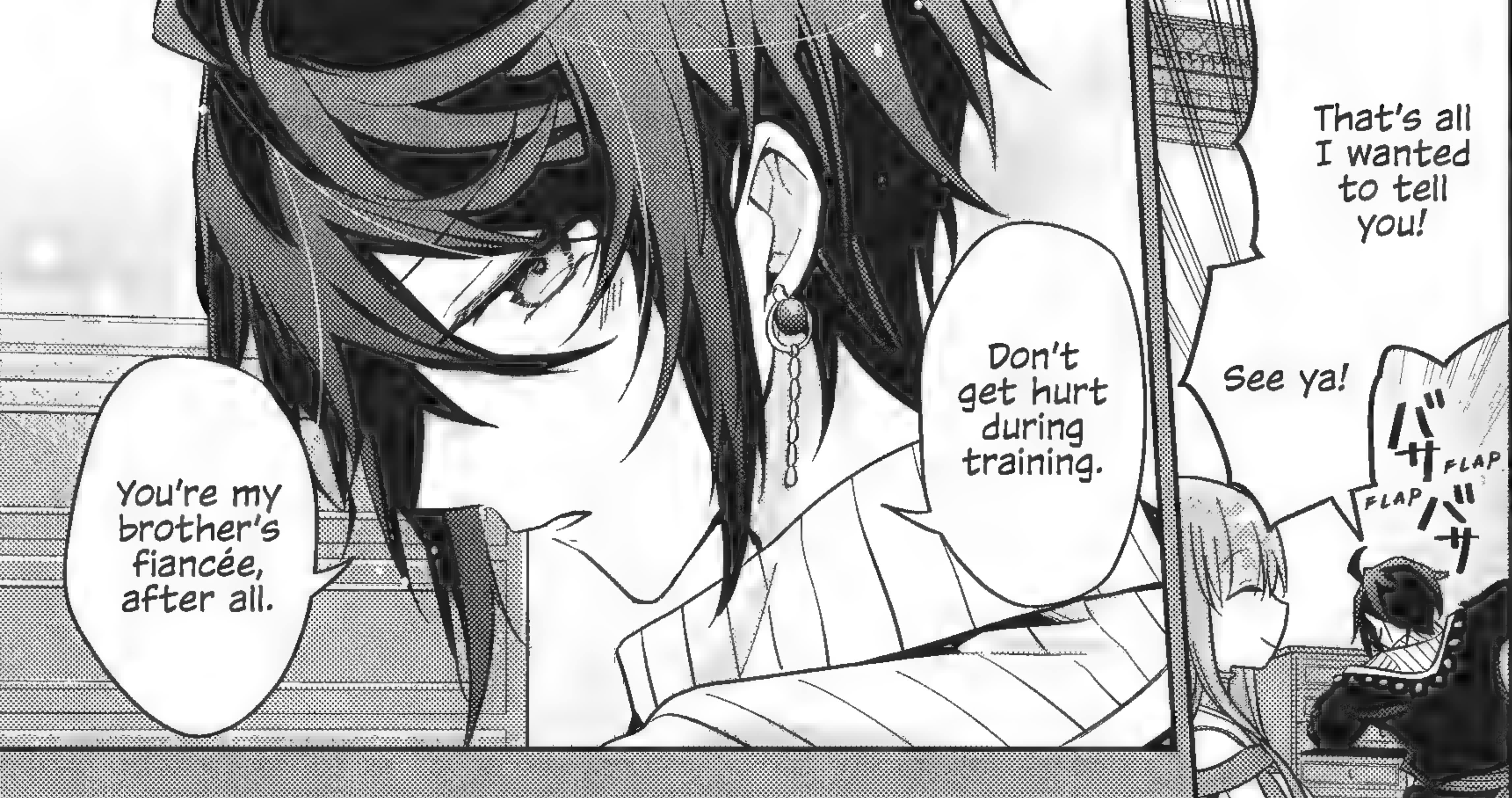


and Prince Theodore didn't want to work with his brother in public.



Prince Arnold was always so distant with his brother...

Now they're collaborating on a project like this.



You're my
brother's
fiancée,
after all.

Don't
get hurt
during
training.

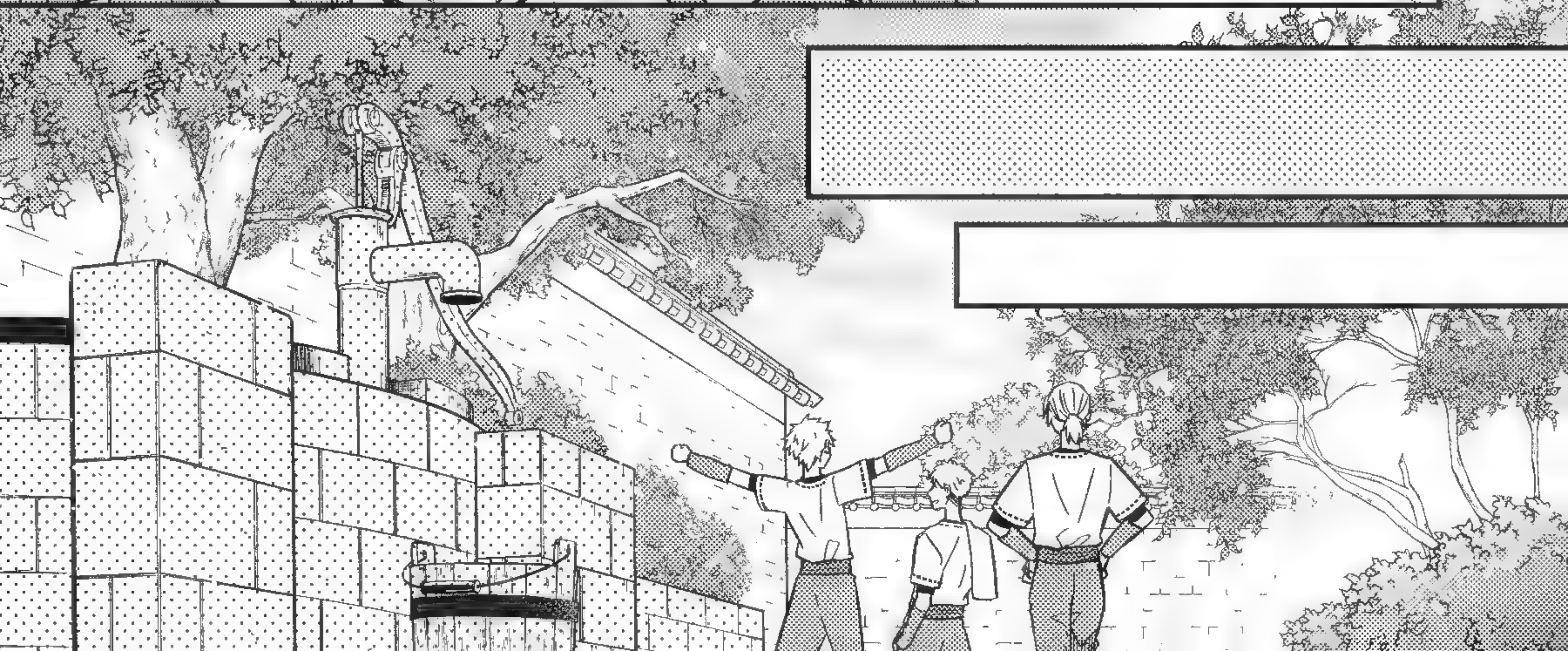
That's all
I wanted
to tell
you!

See ya!



I'll try
not to.

Thank you
for your
concern,
Prince
Theodore.



1) Running

FASTER THAN AN
AVERAGE-PACED JOG.
(HOUR AND A HALF)



2) Strength Training

JUST A LITTLE BIT
BEFORE IT STARTS
TO BE PAINFUL (WITH A
BREAK IN BETWEEN).



Repeat 1) and 2)

Meals

EAT
WELL!

PROTEIN!



CHICKEN
SANDWICH

YOU CAN
DO IT!!

Pant!

Pant!

HAAH
...!

THIS IS
GALKHEIN'S
BASIC
TRAINING...?!

CANDIDATES ONLY
TRAIN IN THE MORNING.
(TEN DAYS)

POP
ひびく

HEY,
LUCIUS,
CAN YOU
MOVE?

I HAVE
TO HURRY
UP AND
GET BACK
TO MY
ROOM...

THIS IS
SUPPOSED
TO BE EASIER
THAN THE
BEGINNERS'
TRAINING I
WENT THROUGH
IN MY LIFE AS
A KNIGHT!

OKAY!

I'M
GOING
TO SLEEP
UNTIL
NOON.

THIS IS
ALL FOR
THE SAKE
OF MY
SURVIVAL.





I'M FROM
A TOWN
CALLED
CEUTENA.
HAVE YOU
HEARD OF
IT?

IT'S
A PORT
TOWN IN
THE NORTH
WHERE THE
SHIPS FROM
COYOLLES
ARRIVE.

A FRIGID
LAND ACROSS
THE SEA FROM
GALKHEIN.



!

I LIVED THERE
IN ONE OF MY
PAST LIVES,
SO I'M VERY
FAMILIAR WITH
THE AREA.



THE FISH
IS GOOD
THERE,
RIGHT?

I'VE
NEVER BEEN
TO CEUTENA
BUT I'VE
HEARD ABOUT
IT.



THE CROWN
PRINCE OF
GALKHEIN,
PRINCE ARNOLD!

IF I DIDN'T
ADMIRE HIM SO
MUCH, I WOULD
NEVER HAVE
WANTED TO BECOME
A KNIGHT AND
WOULD'VE LIVED
THERE FOR THE
REST OF MY LIFE.

WHO'S
HIM?





HE'S
SO
COOL!

HIS
SWORDS-
MANSHIP IS
AMAZING, AND
HE KNOWS
HOW TO
STRATEGIZE!
THAT'S SO
UNFAIR!

I-I
SEE.

HE HELPED
US ESCAPE
AND ROUNDED
UP ALL THE
ENEMIES THAT
CAME OFF THE
SHIPS!

HE
USED THE
TERRAIN OR
SOMETHING.

THE WAR
THREE YEARS
AGO HIT US
HARD IN OUR
PORT TOWN,
BUT...

A WAR HERO!
A MASTER
SWORDSMAN!
AN INNOVATIVE
POLITICIAN!

BA-
DUMP
BA-
DUMP



YOU'VE
SEEN PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
SWORDSMAN-
SHIP TOO?

WAIT,
WHAT
DID I
JUST
SAY?!

JUST
ONCE!

YOU
TWO.



PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
SWORDS-
MANSHIP IS
NOT ONLY
POWERFUL,
BUT
BEAUTIFUL
TOO.



MUTTER

I
KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN.



YES! I'M
SORRY!

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BOW

AT LEAST
CALL HIM
THE CROWN
PRINCE.

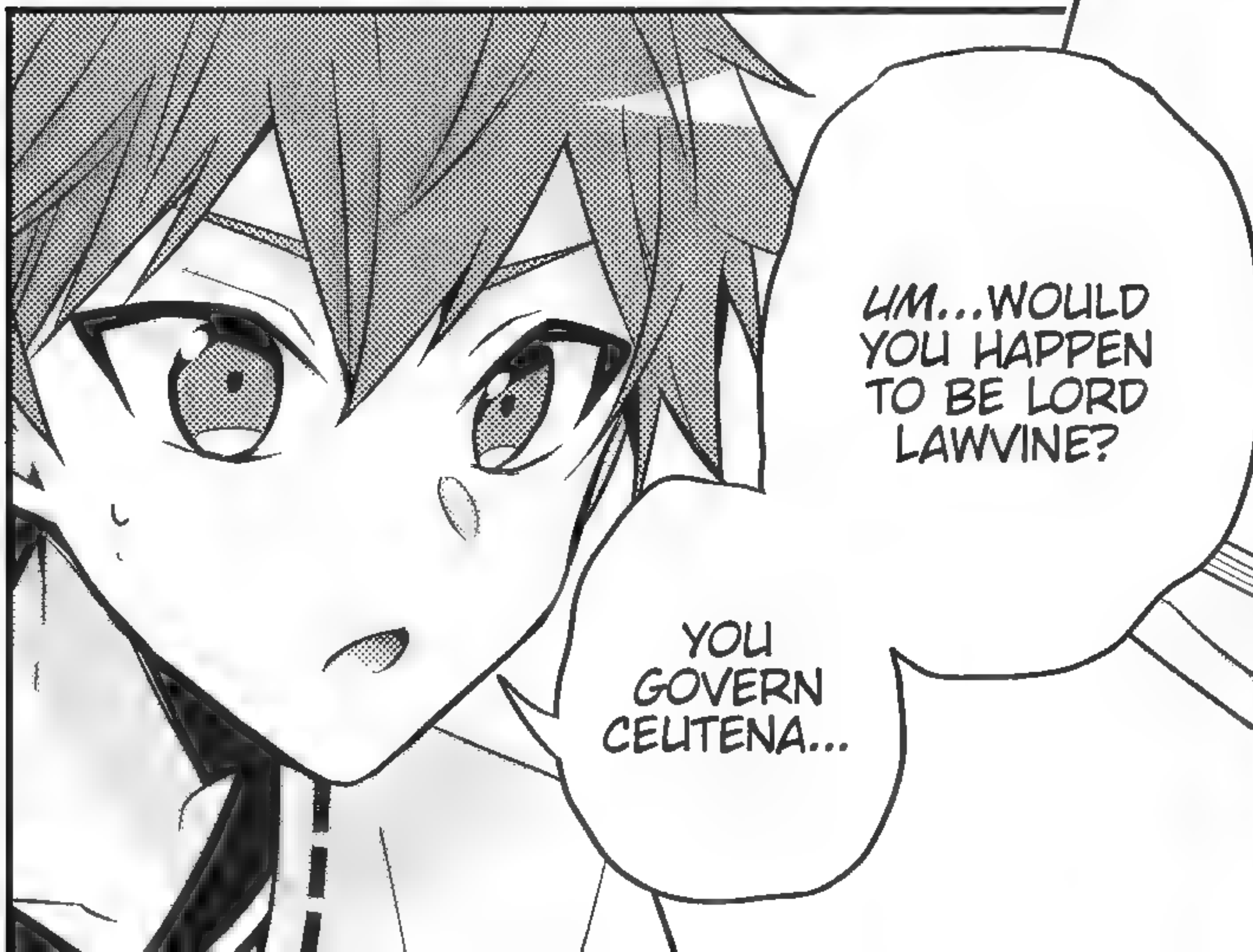
YOU
MUSTN'T
ADDRESS A
MEMBER OF
THE ROYAL
FAMILY IN
THAT
MANNER.



YES!
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

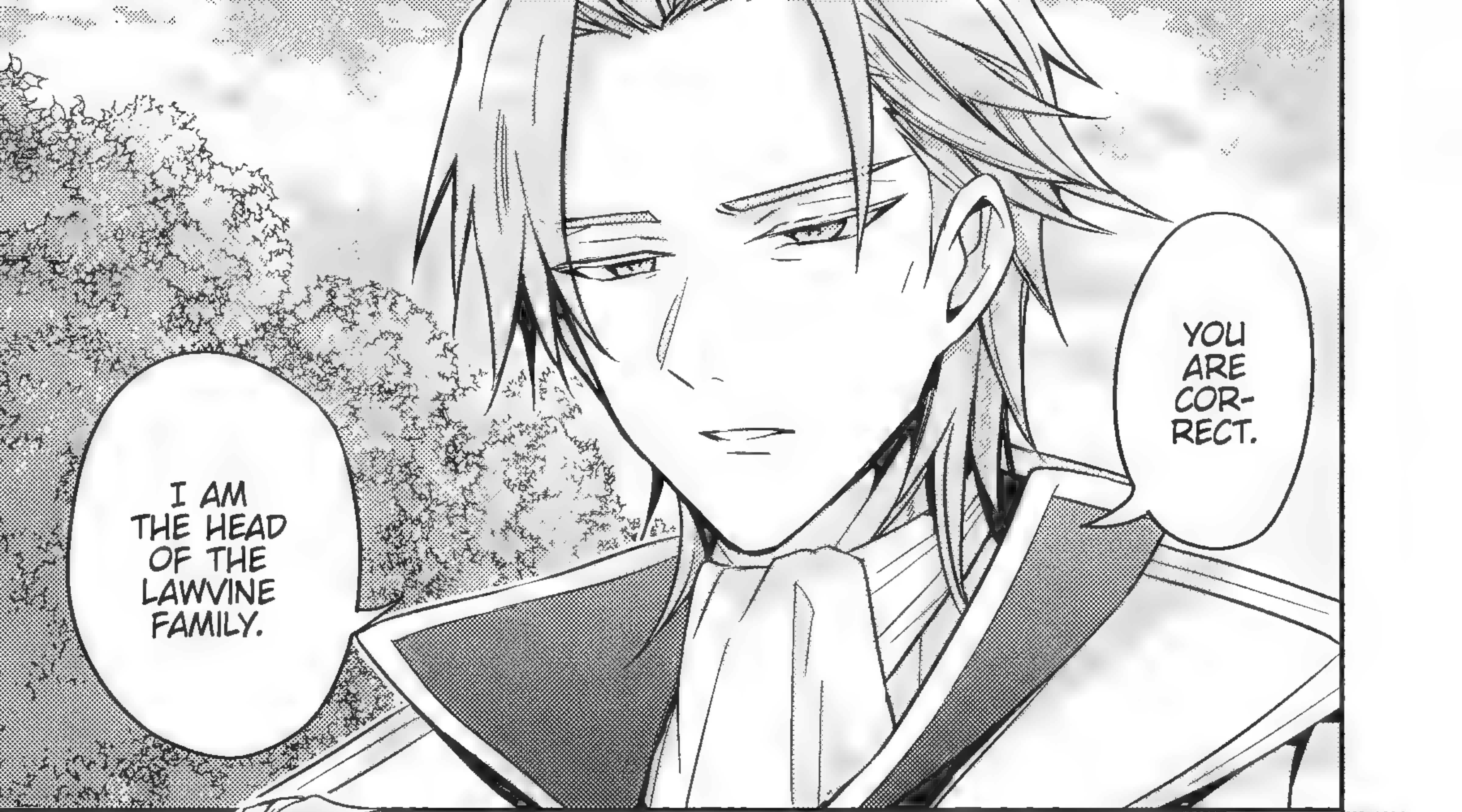
IT'S FINE
AS LONG
AS YOU
UNDER-
STAND.

I COMMEND
YOUR
ADMIRATION
FOR THE
PEOPLE OF
THE ROYAL
FAMILY.



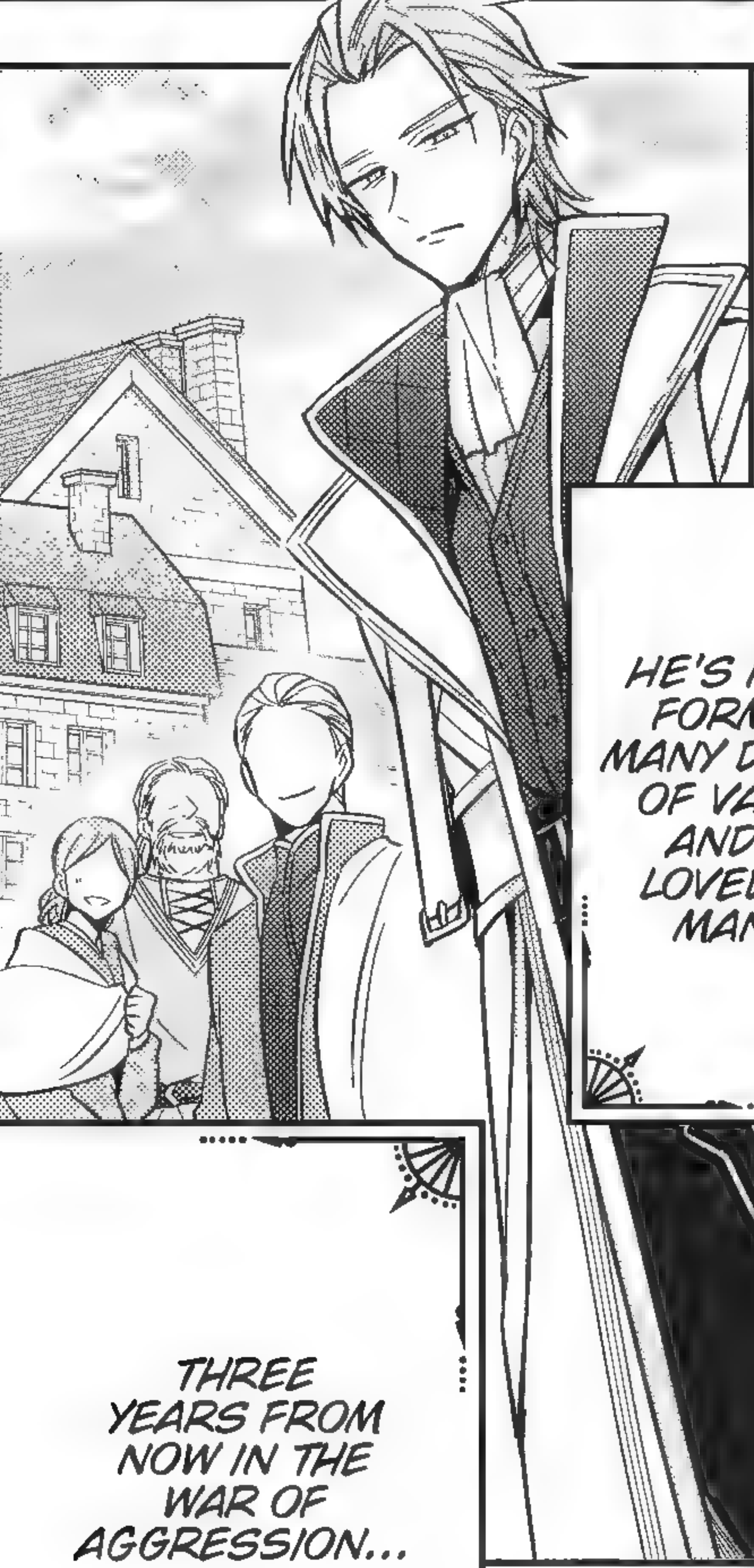
YOU
GOVERN
CEUTENA...

UM...WOULD
YOU HAPPEN
TO BE LORD
LAWVINE?



I AM
THE HEAD
OF THE
LAWVINE
FAMILY.

YOU
ARE
COR-
RECT.



HE'S THE
COUNT WHO'S
IN CHARGE OF
THE NORTHERN-
MOST BORDER
OF GALKHEIN.

HE'S PER-
FORMED
MANY DEEDS
OF VALOR
AND IS
LOVED BY
MANY.

THREE
YEARS FROM
NOW IN THE
WAR OF
AGGRESSION...



LORD
LAWVINE?!



HE
REPRIMANDS
EMPEROR
ARNOLD AND IS
SLAUGHTERED
AS A CRIMINAL.

THE
COURAGEOUS
GENERAL OF
GALKHEIN,
COUNT LUDGER
LARS LAWVINE!

THOSE ARE
JUST A FEW OF
THE REASONS WHY
THE WORLD GREW
TO FEAR PRINCE
ARNOLD...

THERE WERE
RUMORS
ABOUT HOW HE
WAS TORTURED
TO DEATH,
OR HOW HIS
WHOLE FAMILY
WAS EXECUTED
FOR HIS
"TREASON"...





YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO GROW.

IF YOU'RE NOT STRUGGLING WITH FOOD, YOU SHOULD EAT MORE.

I SEE. THAT'S GOOD.



IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN ALSO EAT OTHER MEAT...

NO! NO! THERE IS NOTHING I DON'T LIKE!



LORD LAWVINE, ARE YOU GOING TO BE COACHING US?! THAT'S AWESOME!

MY ITINERARY WAS DELAYED SO I COULDN'T ATTEND THE TRAINING TODAY, BUT I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW.

YES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE!

I MEAN, IT'LL BE AN HONOR!



WHAT WERE YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE TRAINING?

Heh.

I AM ALSO EXCITED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF THOSE WHO HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF THEM.



I WAS
SURPRISED
AS WELL.

I THOUGHT
THEY WERE
GOING TO BE
HARDER ON
THE NEW-
COMERS.

HONESTLY,
THEY WERE
MUCH MORE
ACCOMMO-
DATING THAN
I THOUGHT
THEY'D BE.

I WAS
EXPECTING
TO RUN
UNTIL I WAS
THROWING UP
AND COULDN'T
STAND
ANYMORE.



WE USED
TO TRAIN
NEWCOMERS
HARSHLY,
UNTIL
RECENTLY.

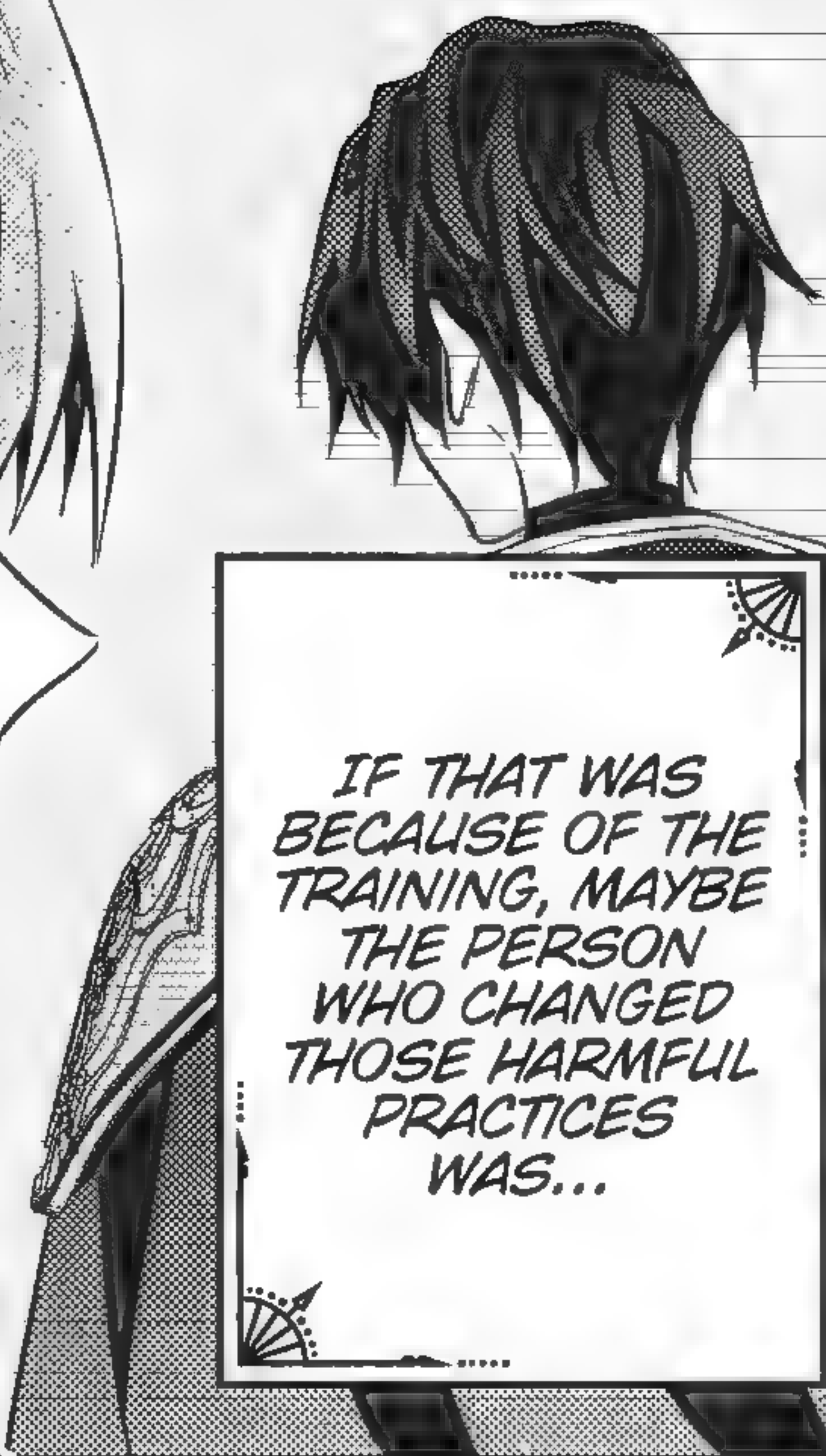
WE WERE IN
A WAR, AND
WE NEEDED
PEOPLE WHO
WERE READY
TO FIGHT.



BUT
A CERTAIN
INDIVIDUAL HAS
ABOLISHED
THAT HARMFUL
PRACTICE
SINCE THEN.

WE WOULD TRAIN
UP THE STRONG
AS FAST AS WE
COULD AND SEND
THEM TO THE
BATTLEFIELD.

WE
USED OUR
RIGOROUS
TRAINING
OF NEW
RECRUITS
TO WEED
OUT THE
WEAK.



IF THAT WAS
BECAUSE OF THE
TRAINING, MAYBE
THE PERSON
WHO CHANGED
THOSE HARMFUL
PRACTICES
WAS...



OLIVER
SAID THAT
HE COULDN'T
BECOME A
KNIGHT AFTER
BEING
INJURED.



I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE.

PLEASE
COME
TO THE
AUDIENCE
CHAM-
BER.

MY LORD,
THE
EMPEROR
IS PREPAR-
ING FOR AN
AUDIENCE.



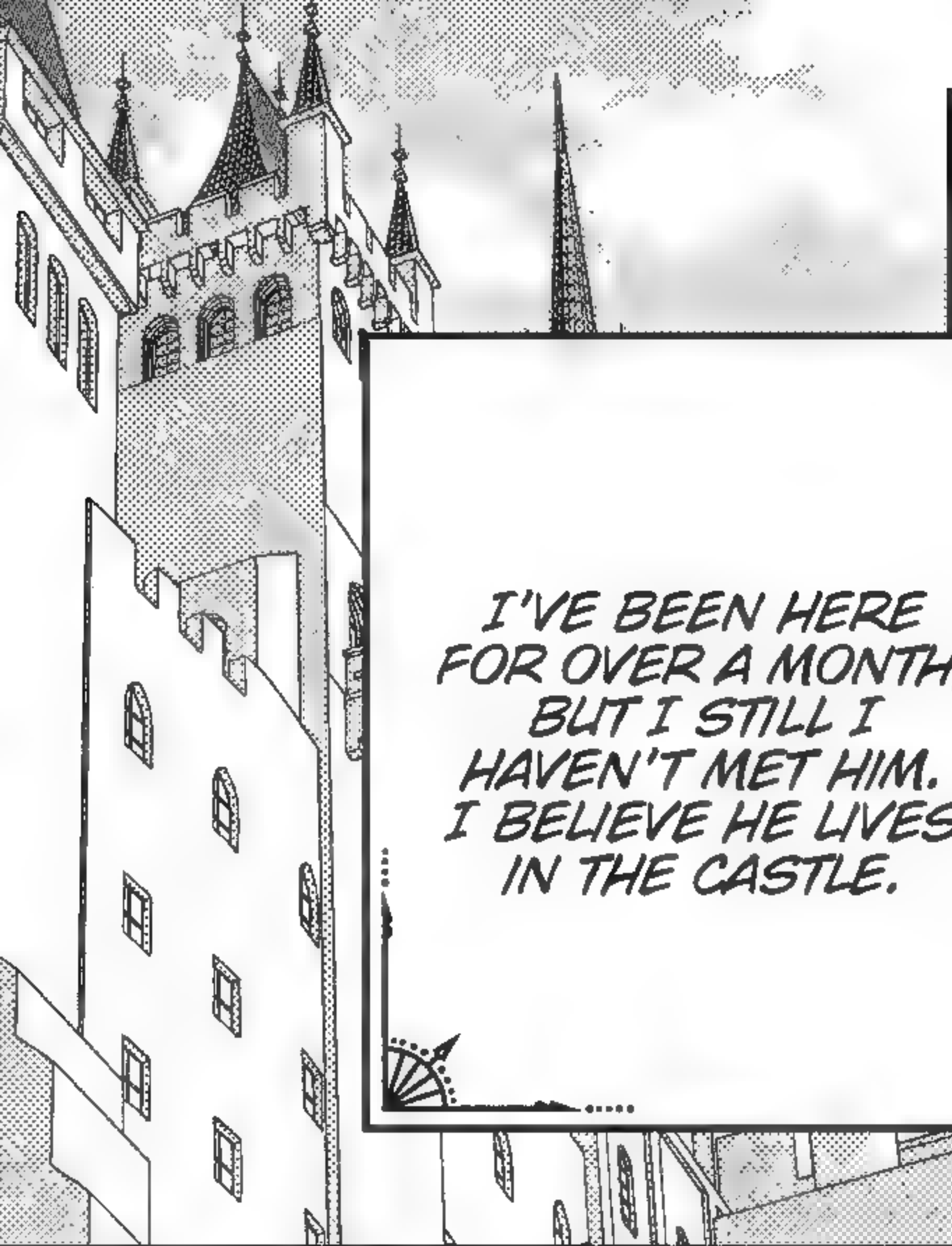
AS YOUR
ELDERS,
OUR JOB...

IS NOT
TO PICK AND
CHOOSE
THOSE OF
THE YOUNGER
GENERATION,
BUT TO RAISE
THEM.



I'LL
SEE YOU
AGAIN
TOMOR-
ROW.

THANK YOU
FOR TALKING
WITH US!



THE
EMPEROR.

I'VE BEEN HERE
FOR OVER A MONTH,
BUT I STILL I
HAVEN'T MET HIM.
I BELIEVE HE LIVES
IN THE CASTLE.



HAAAH...!
THAT WAS
SO NERVE-
RACKING!

YEAH...



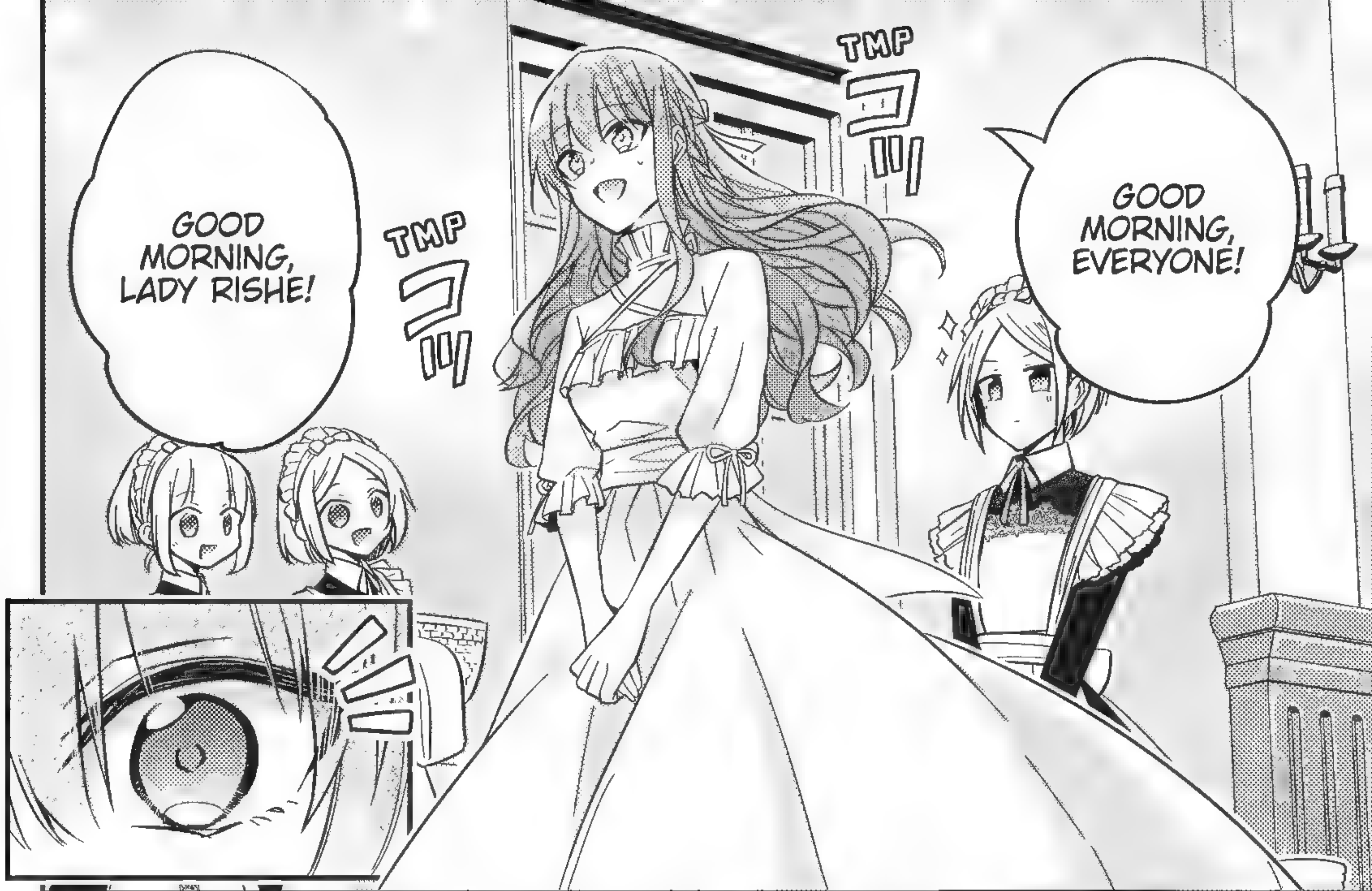
WELCOME
BACK.
EVERYTHING
IS PREPARED.



BUT WHAT
I'M MORE
CURIOUS
ABOUT RIGHT
NOW IS...

I'M BACK,
ELSIE!

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THE ROOMS OF THE ROYAL VILLA ARE COMPLETE.

Rishe's Survival Plan 2

Separate him from the emperor to prevent the coup d'état that starts all the violence.





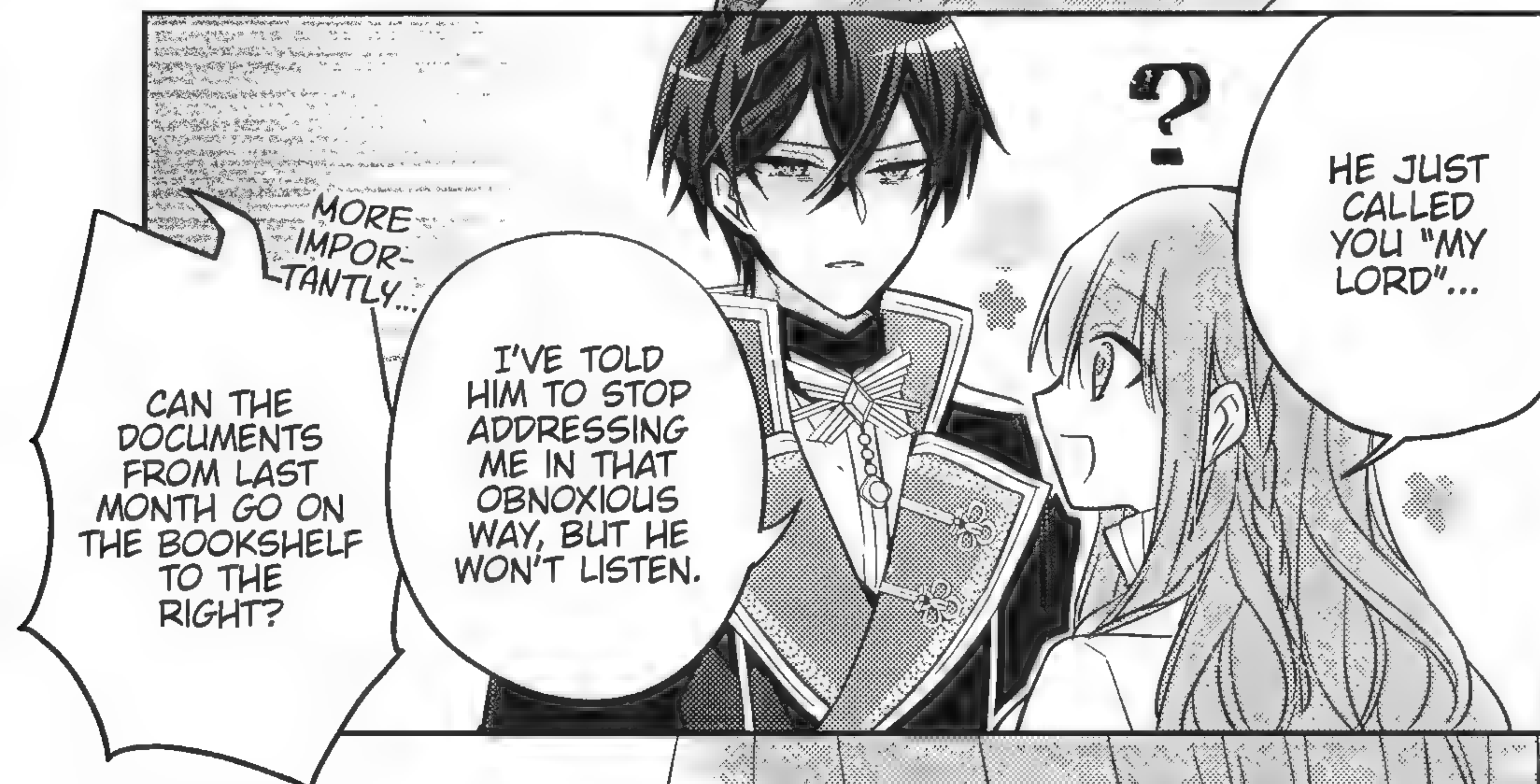
OF COURSE, OLIVER!

I WAS HOPING THIS WOULD BE A GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE TO WORK IN...

LADY RISHE! THANK YOU FOR PREPARING THIS WONDERFUL ROOM FOR PRINCE ARNOLD.

I MEAN, PRINCE ARNOLD!

YOU HAVE TO DIRECT US. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS GOES...



MORE IMPORTANTLY...

CAN THE DOCUMENTS FROM LAST MONTH GO ON THE BOOKSHELF TO THE RIGHT?

I'VE TOLD HIM TO STOP ADDRESSING ME IN THAT OBNOXIOUS WAY, BUT HE WON'T LISTEN.

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HE JUST CALLED YOU "MY LORD"...

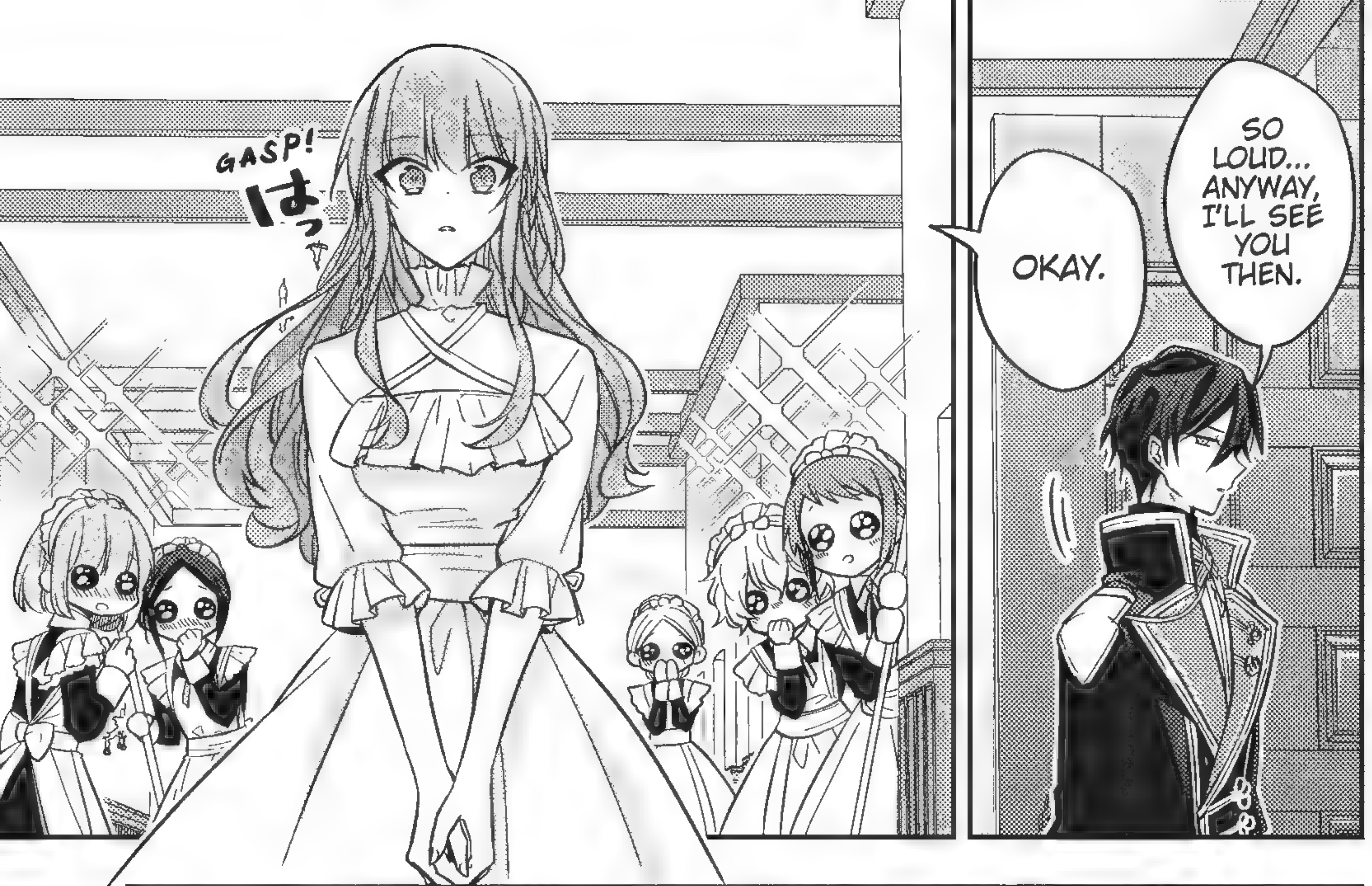


"MY LORD."

IT SOUNDS LIKE HE IS MAKING A CLEAR DISTINCTION THAT HE IS LOYAL TO PRINCE ARNOLD, NOT THE EMPEROR.

RISHE.





GASP!
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OKAY.

SO LOUD...
ANYWAY,
I'LL SEE
YOU
THEN.



YOU WERE
WHISPERING
WITH PRINCE
ARNOLD...

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rustle

WH-
WHAT?!

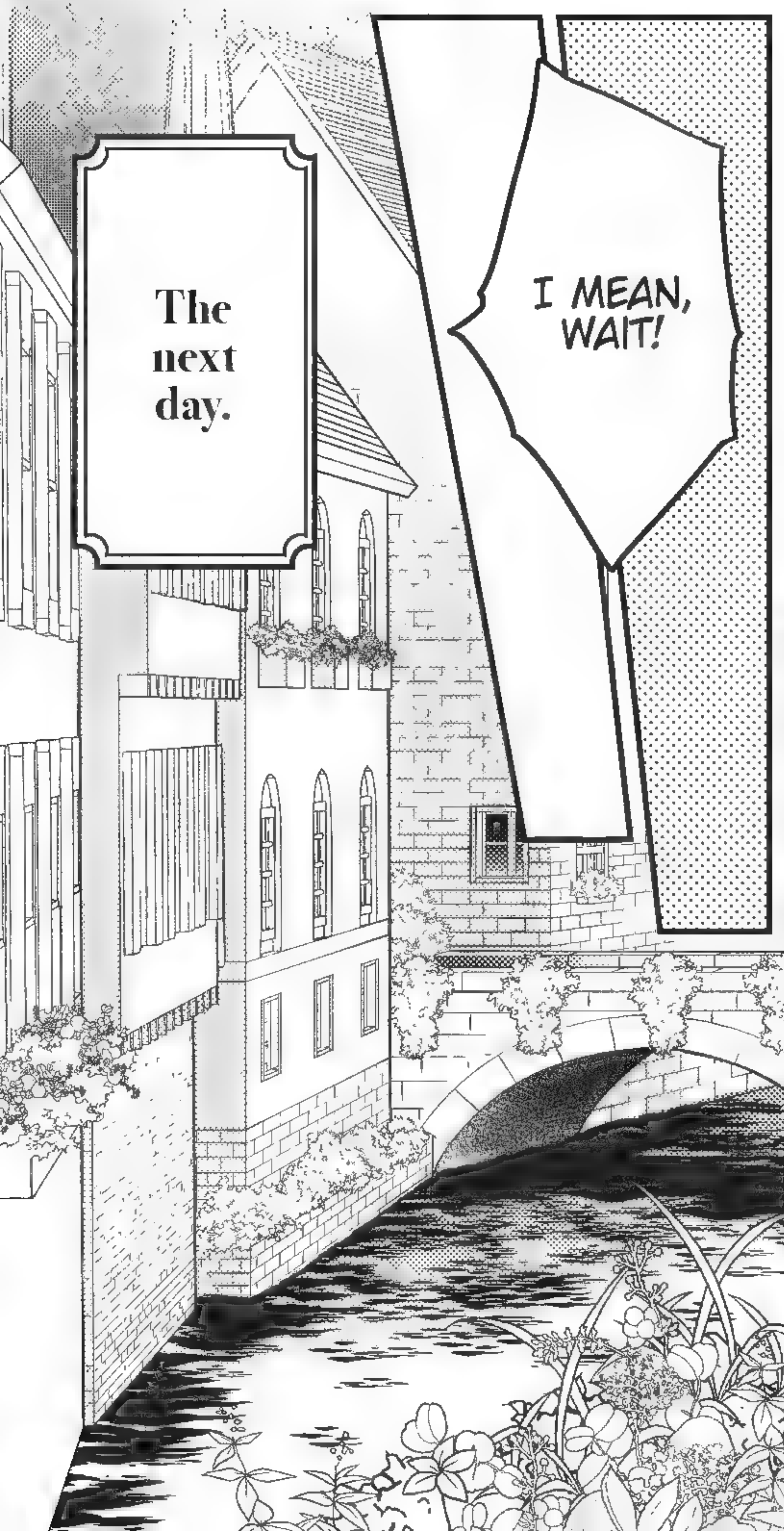


I DON'T WANT
TO STAND OUT,
SO I'LL WEAR A
BROWN DRESS
WITH A SLIGHTLY
DIRTY GRAY
ROBE SO THAT
I LOOK LIKE A
TRAVELER.

I'M GOING
OUTSIDE OF
THE CASTLE
WITH PRINCE
ARNOLD
TOMORROW
AFTERNOON.

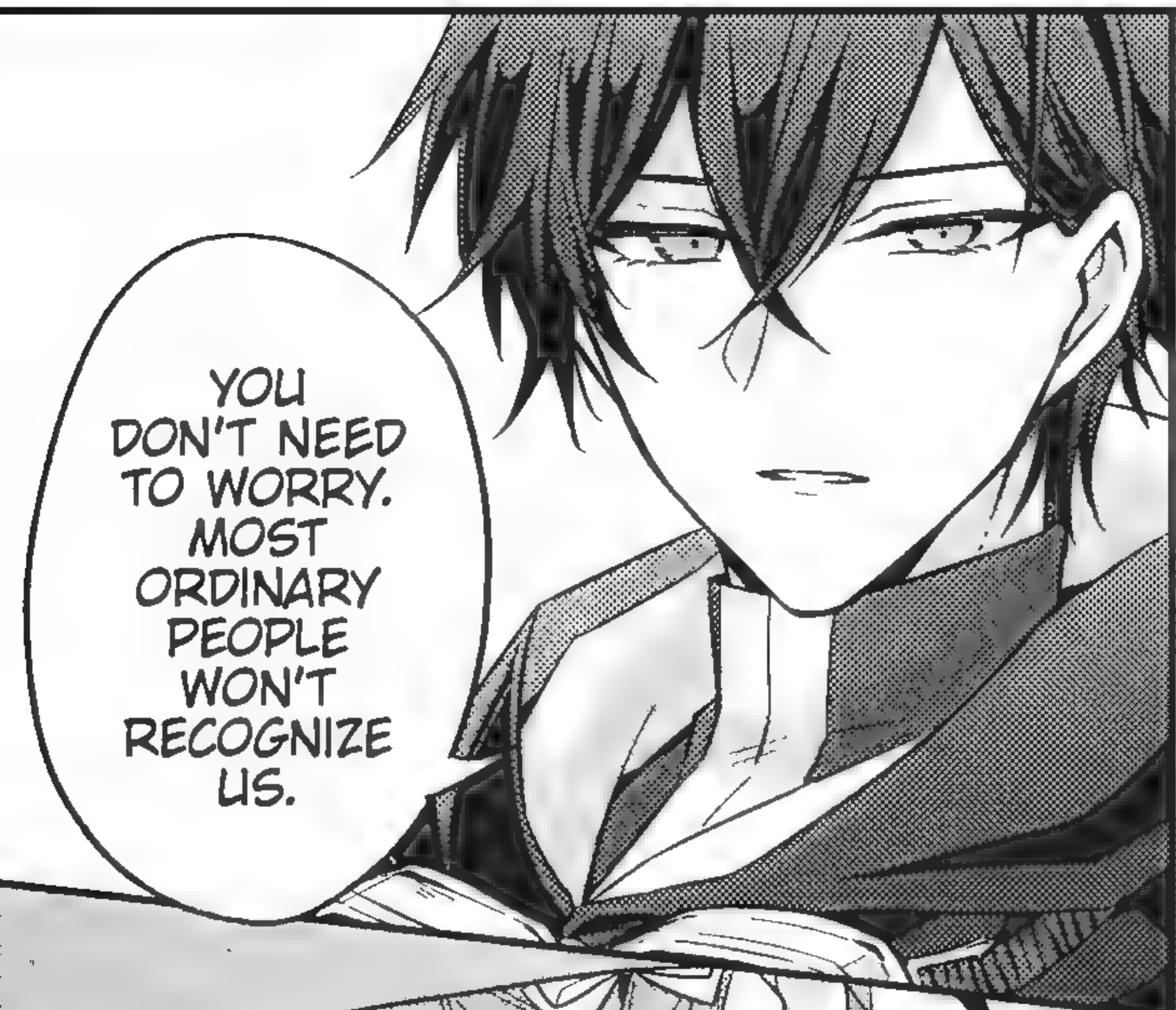
I THINK
HE'S GOING
TO HAVE ME
HELP WITH
SOME
OFFICIAL
DUTY.

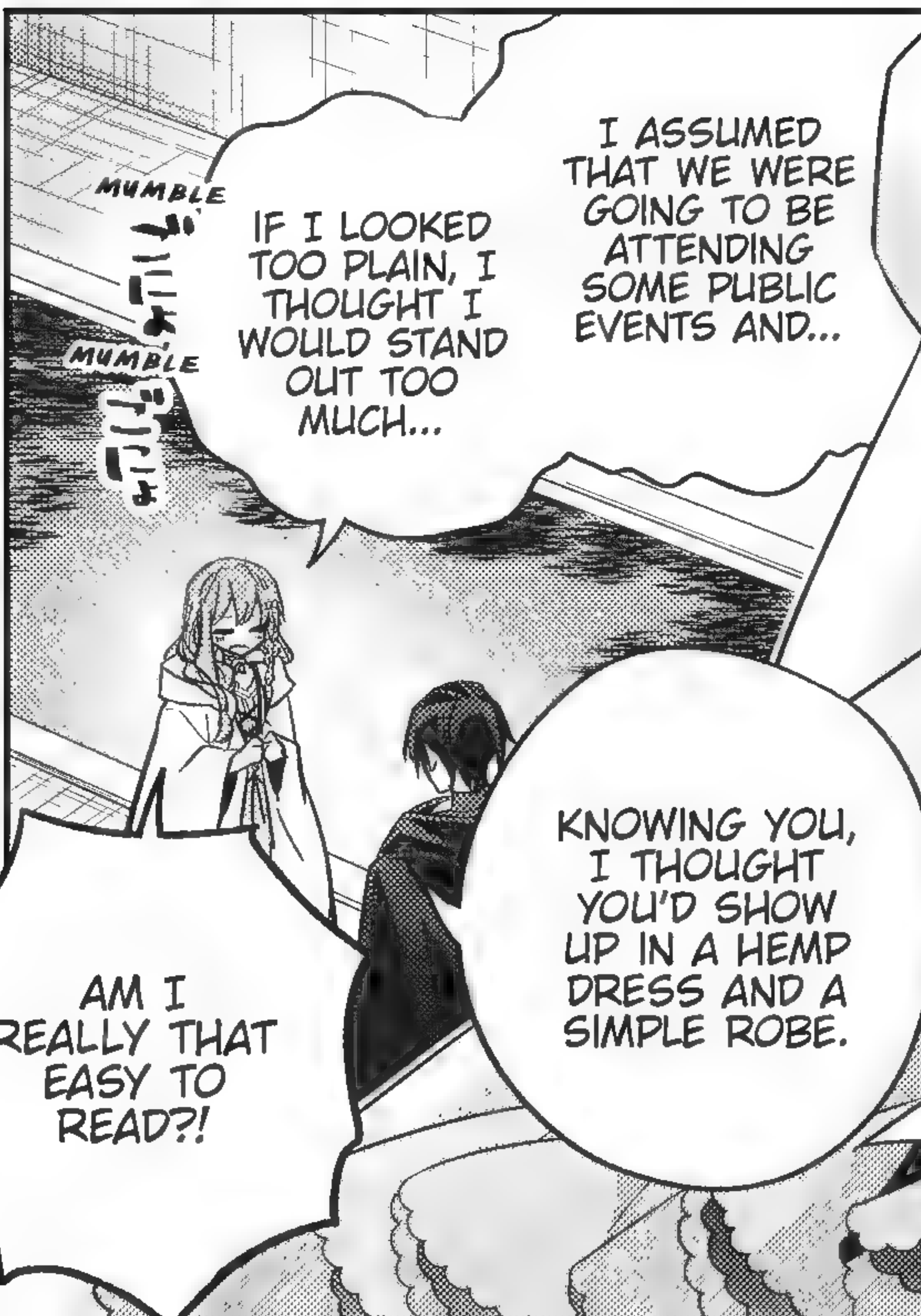
WE HAVE AN
ARRANGEMENT
WHERE I'LL DO
WHATEVER HE
ASKS OF ME.





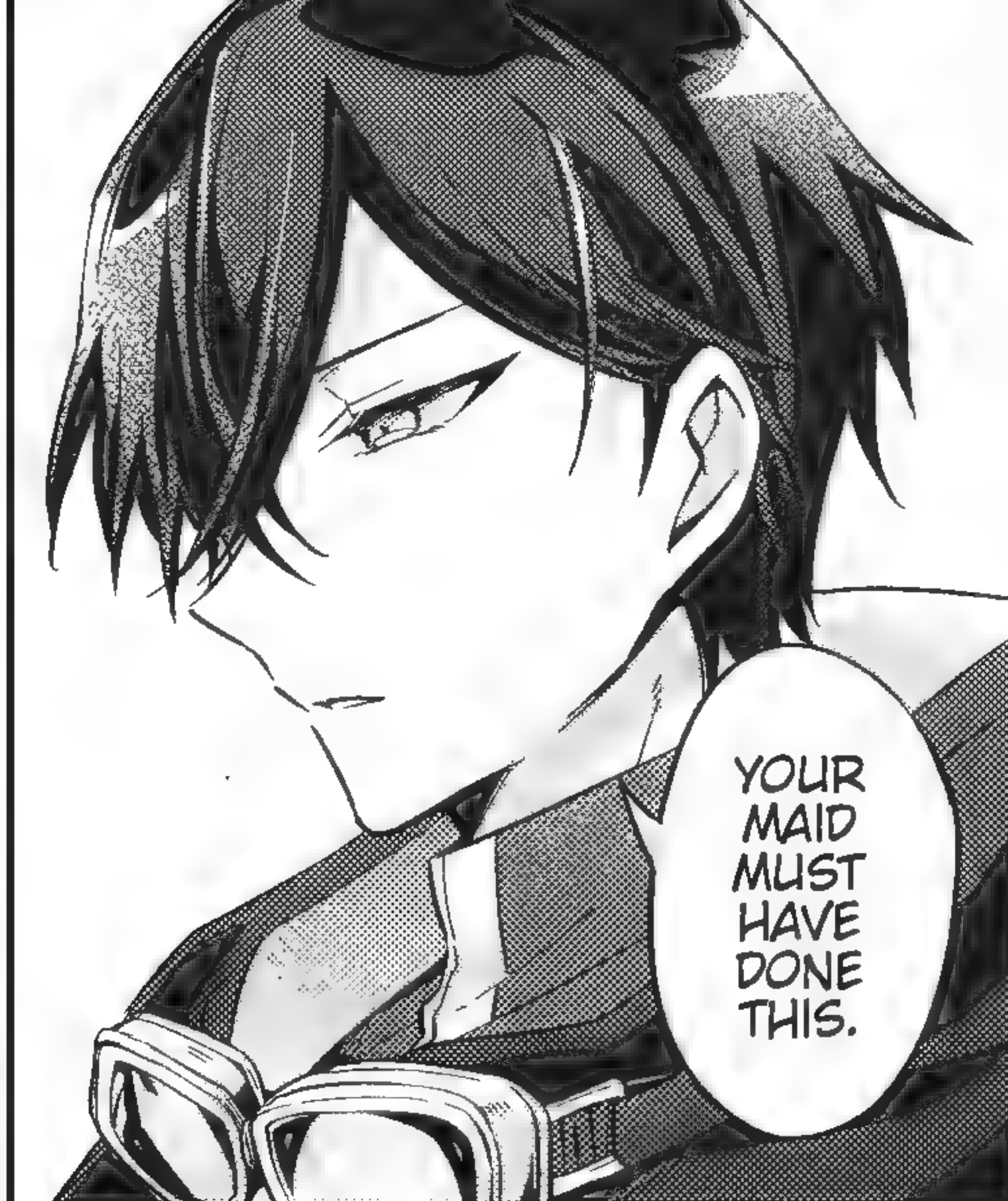
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR HOOD OFF.







REALLY...?



YOUR
MAID
MUST
HAVE
DONE
THIS.



UH...

YOU SEEM TO
BE UNDER SOME
KIND OF MISUN-
DERSTANDING,
BUT I HAVE NO
PROBLEM WITH
WHAT YOU'RE
WEARING.



AT
THIS RATE,
WE'RE GOING
TO START
ATTRACTING
ATTENTION, AND
NOT FOR THE
REASONS YOU
FEAR.

LET'S
GO.

HUH?
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?

I'LL
BE SURE
TO PRAISE
YOUR MAID
LATER.

WHAT?
WAIT FOR
ME!

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7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
Married to Her Worst Enemy!

It's Good For You!

THIS IS
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
CITY.

WALKING
THROUGH IT
MAKES ME
APPRECIATE
IT ALL OVER
AGAIN.

WOW!

IT'S AS
IF YOU'VE
NEVER
SET FOOT
OUTSIDE
THE
CASTLE.

L...
LAST
TIME IT
WAS THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT!!

chatter

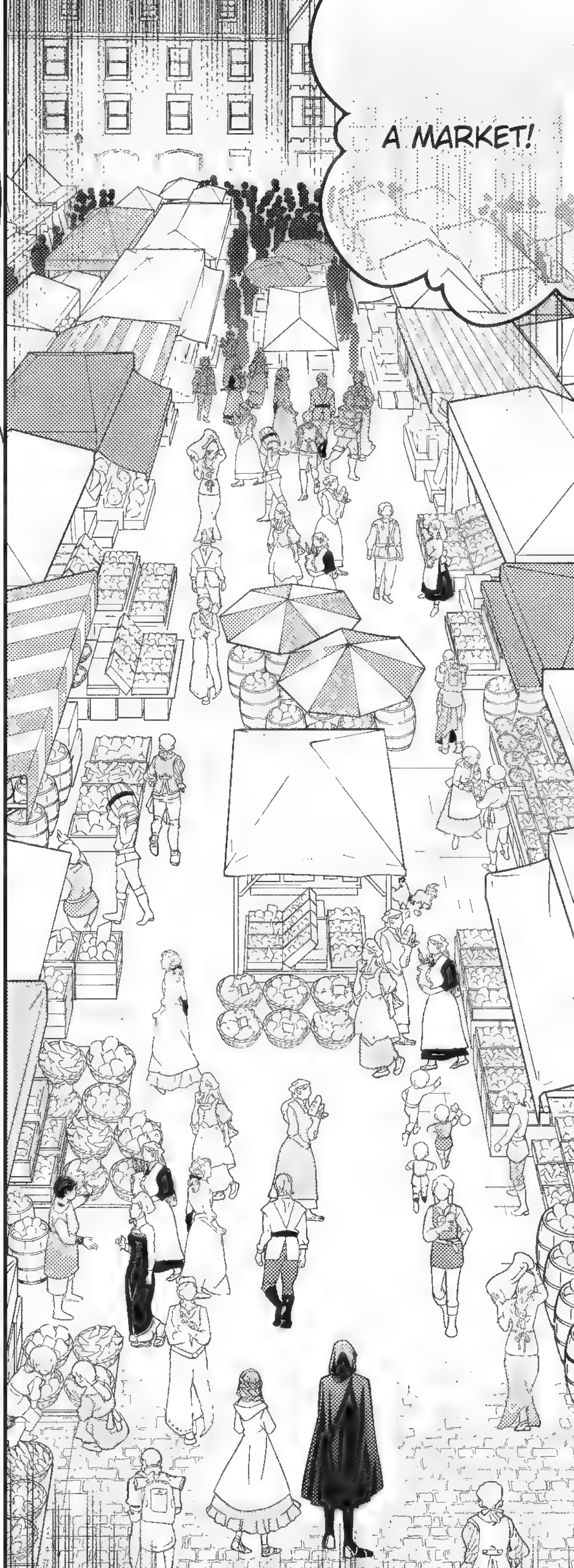
chatter

WOW!



IT'S
NOT THAT
UNUSUAL,
IT'S JUST
A NORMAL
MARKET.

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!



A MARKET!



TAKE THAT
STALL, FOR
INSTANCE!

THOSE
ARE SACRED
TEXTILES
FROM JUBEL!

PERMITS
TO DISTRIBUTE
THEM TO OTHER
CONTINENTS
ARE RARELY
GRANTED!!

POINT



THE LAMP
MERCHANT
NEXT TO US
HAILS FROM
THE DESERTS
OF HALIL
RASHA!

THE
JEWELRY
SOLD THERE
IS MADE IN
THIS
COUNTRY!

THEIR
DELICATE
WORKMAN-
SHIP IS VERY
POPULAR, AND
WOMEN FROM
ALL OVER
THE WORLD
COME TO
BUY IT.

AH?!

COULD
THAT STALL
BE FROM
COYOLLES...?



RISHE...

AH!



A MARKET-
PLACE CAN
TELL YOU A
LOT ABOUT
THE CITY
IT BELONGS
TO.

OOPS...
I ALMOST
FORGOT I
WASN'T A
MERCHANT!



カチカチ

SORRY,
I GOT A
LITTLE TOO
EXCITED.

SO,
YOU SEE,
SURVEYING
THE
MARKET-
PLACE IS
IMPOR-
TANT...

IN A CITY
LIKE THIS,
TRAVELERS
FEEL FREE TO
LINGER AND
SPEND THEIR
MONEY.

I CAN SEE
THAT THE
ECONOMY HERE
IS PROSPEROUS.
THERE ALSO AREN'T
ANY GUARDS
OR KNIGHTS
PATROLLING,
WHICH TELLS
ME THAT CRIME
IS LOW!



THAT'S
THE WAY
TO THE
MARKET...

ズパズパズパ

I'LL SHOW
YOU THAT
I CAN DO
WHATEVER
YOU SAY...

THANK
YOU FOR
LETTING
ME LOOK
AROUND, BUT
LET'S HEAD
TO OUR
DESTINATION.



はぁあぁあ
GLOWWW

IF YOU'RE THAT
ENTHUSIASTIC,
I CAN'T
IGNORE YOU.



WE
STILL
HAVE
MORE
TIME.



THANK
YOU!

HOW ABOUT
THESE FRESH
BERRIES?

WE
WILL ONLY
HAVE THIS
PRODUCT
TODAY!

THIS IS A
SPECIALTY
PRODUCT
FROM
COYOLLES
THAT I WON'T
HAVE
TOMORROW!

AMAZING...

IT ARRIVED
ONLY A WEEK
AGO AT THE
PORTS OF
CELTENA!



LOOK OVER THERE...

DON'T WANDER OFF TOO FAR. WORST COMES TO WORST, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PUT A LEASH ON YOU.

YOUR JOKES SOUND TOO SERIOUS, PRINCE ARNOLD.

THAT WAS A JOKE, RIGHT?!

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HA
HA
HA!



AND LOOK AT THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE HAPPILY!

THOSE ARE THE FAMOUS GRAPES FROM COQUILTO.

WHEN I BECAME A MERCHANT, IT GAVE ME A DREAM FOR MY FUTURE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE.

I WANT TO VISIT ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

I GUESS I CAN.

CAN YOU MAKE IT ANY CHEAPER?

THOSE ARE RARE EGGS OF THE SALOOF BIRD!

OH! THE PARENT BIRDS ARE IN BIRD CAGES TOO?!

I WANT TO WALK AROUND MARKETS ALL OVER THE WORLD ON MY OWN TWO FEET...



WAIT,
WHAT IS THAT
DISTURBING-
LOOKING
THING?

DRIIP

TMP
TMP
TMP

SORRY
FOR THE
WAIT!



BUT WAIT,
IT STILL
LOOKS...

SMILE
(にこり)

IT'S VERY
NUTRITIOUS
SO IT'S
GOOD FOR
YOU.

IT'S A
FRUIT
FROM
COYOLLES.



C'MON, IT'S
GOOD FOR
YOU!

PRINCE ARNOLD, YOU
WORK TOO HARD!

GIGARE



IT'S FULL OF
NUTRIENTS
AND I THINK
IT'S SWEETER
THAN IT
LOOKS.

IT
DEFINITELY
TASTES
LIKE IT'S
GOOD
FOR
YOU...

WHAT A
SOUR
EXPRES-
SION.

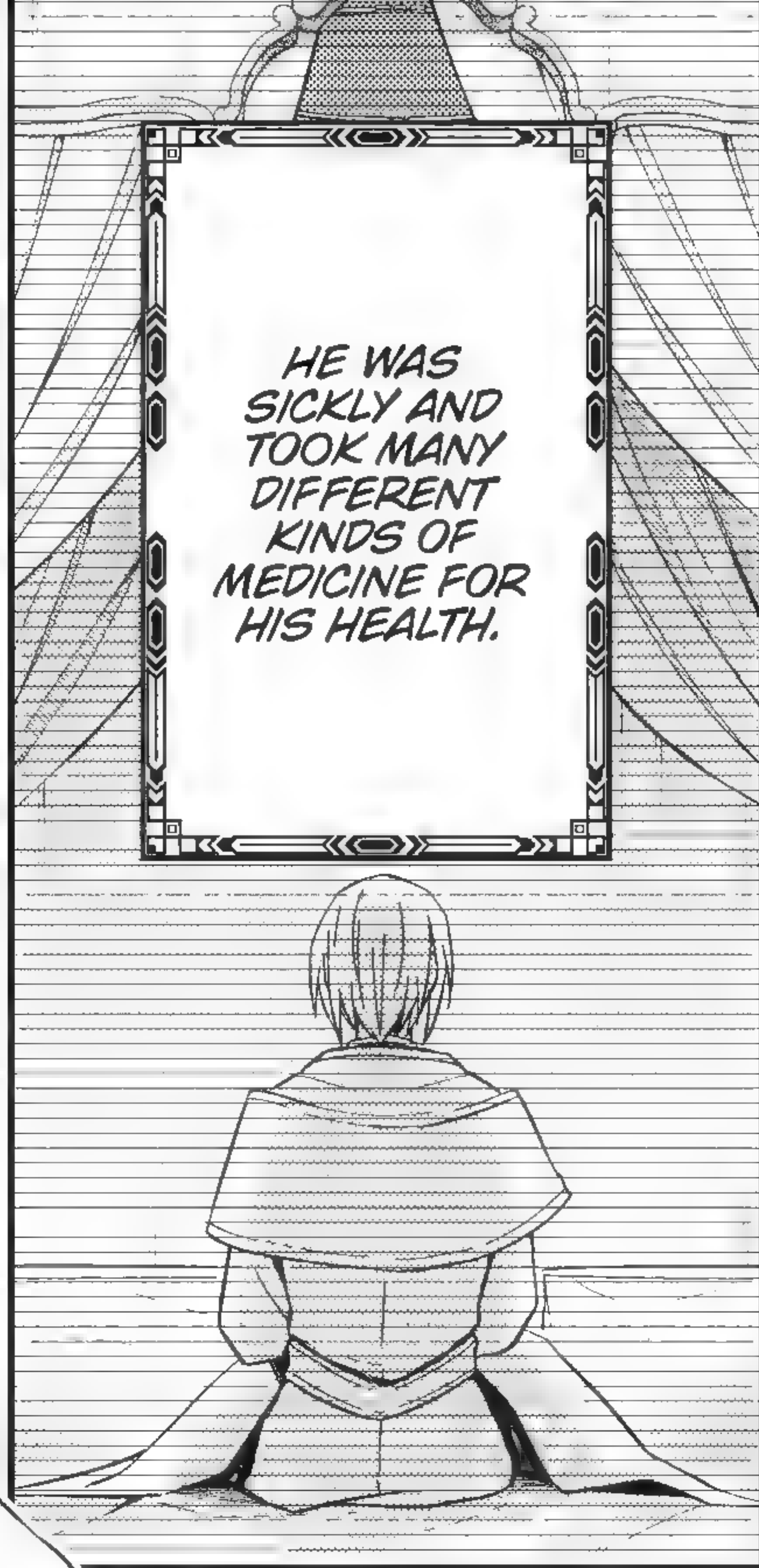
HE'S
ACTU-
ALLY
PRETTY
UN-
GUARD-
ED.

THIS
FRUIT...

A CERTAIN
PERSON USED
TO EAT THIS
DURING MY
LIFE AS AN
APOTHECARY.



THE
MEDICINE
MY TEACHER
AND I USED TO
MAKE FOR HIM
TASTED HOR-
RIBLE, BUT
HE'D TAKE IT
ALL WITHOUT
HESITATION.



HE WAS
SICKLY AND
TOOK MANY
DIFFERENT
KINDS OF
MEDICINE FOR
HIS HEALTH.



FREEZE
ひたひた

THERE ARE
PLENTY! THE
STALLS OVER
THERE...



ANY
OTHER
SHOPS
YOU'D LIKE
TO SEE?



DID HE
NOTICE?
HE DIDN'T,
RIGHT?



.....
?



DON'T YOU
THINK THE
LEATHER
GOODS OVER
THERE ARE
BEAUTIFUL?



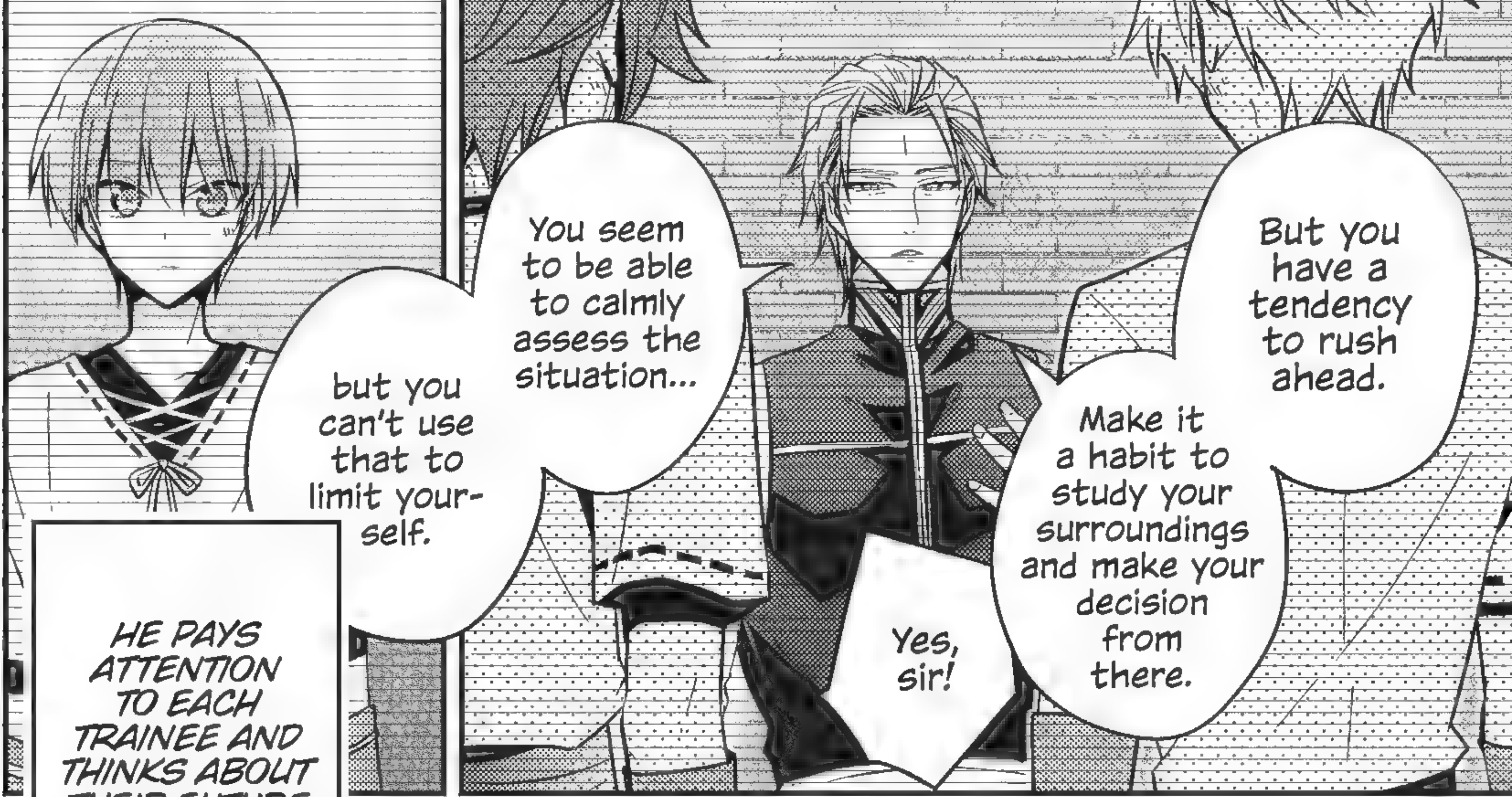
MAKE SURE
MY BROTHER
DOESN'T
FIND OUT!

IF I
WANT TO
CONTINUE
MY TRAIN-
ING, I CAN'T
LET HIM
NOTICE!

I CAN'T HELP
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
SORE I AM.

LORD
LAWVINE'S
TRAINING
WAS SO
INTENSE.

You
are very
physically
fit.



but you
can't use
that to
limit your-
self.

You seem
to be able
to calmly
assess the
situation...

Yes,
sir!

Make it
a habit to
study your
surroundings
and make your
decision
from
there.

But you
have a
tendency
to rush
ahead.

HE PAYS
ATTENTION
TO EACH
TRAINEE AND
THINKS ABOUT
THEIR FUTURE
DEVELOP-
MENT.



THEY ALL
SEEM
HAPPY BEING
TRAINED BY
THE HERO
FROM THE
NORTH.



SUCCESSFULLY
HOLDING HIS
GROUND UNTIL
REINFORCE-
MENTS
ARRIVED.

IN THE NEXT
WAR, HE LED
HIS ARMY
TO VICTORY
BY TAKING A
SMALL GROUP
OF MEN AND
FIGHTING
BACK AGAINST
A HUGE
ENEMY
FORCE...

COUNT
LAWVINE,
THE GREAT
GENERAL.



GALKHEIN'S
NORTHERN
DETERRENT.

THANKS
TO LORD
LAWVINE, OTHER
COUNTRIES
CAN'T TOUCH
CELTENA.

IT'S ONE OF
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
BASES FOR
DEFENDING
GALKHEIN.

CELTENA IS
A SEASIDE
TERRITORY
THAT LIES AT
THE NORTH-
ERNMOST
TIP OF THIS
COUNTRY.



BUT...



JUST THREE
YEARS FROM
NOW.



LORD
LAWVINE...

WILL BE
BRUTALLY
KILLED BY
PRINCE
ARNOLD...



I DON'T
SEE WHY HE
WOULD LEAVE
HIS DOMAIN
JUST TO TRAIN
SOME KNIGHT
CANDIDATES.

LORD
LAWVINE
SERVES THE
CURRENT
EMPEROR,
RIGHT?

NO MATTER
HOW GOOD OF
AN INSTRU-
CTOR LORD
LAWVINE IS...

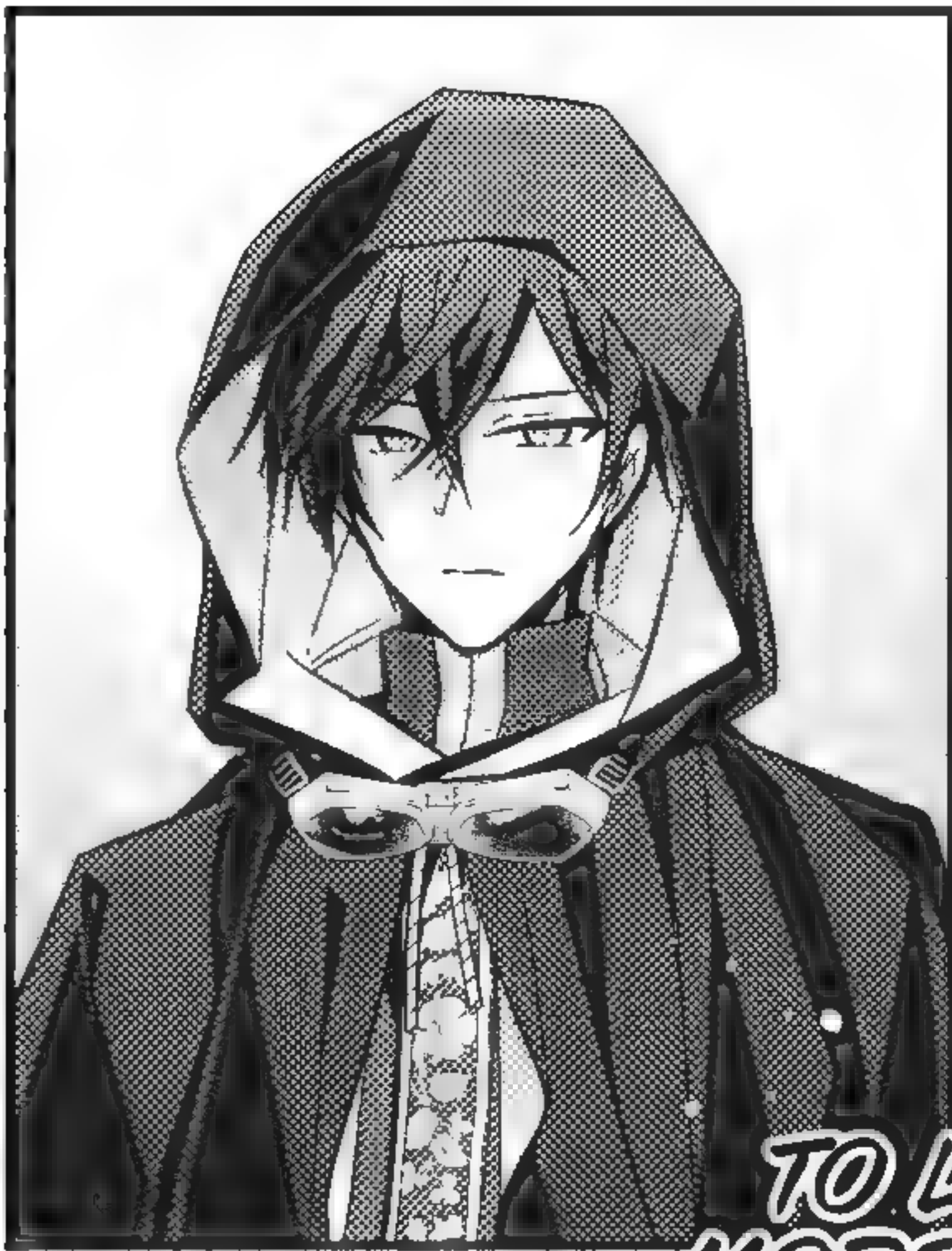
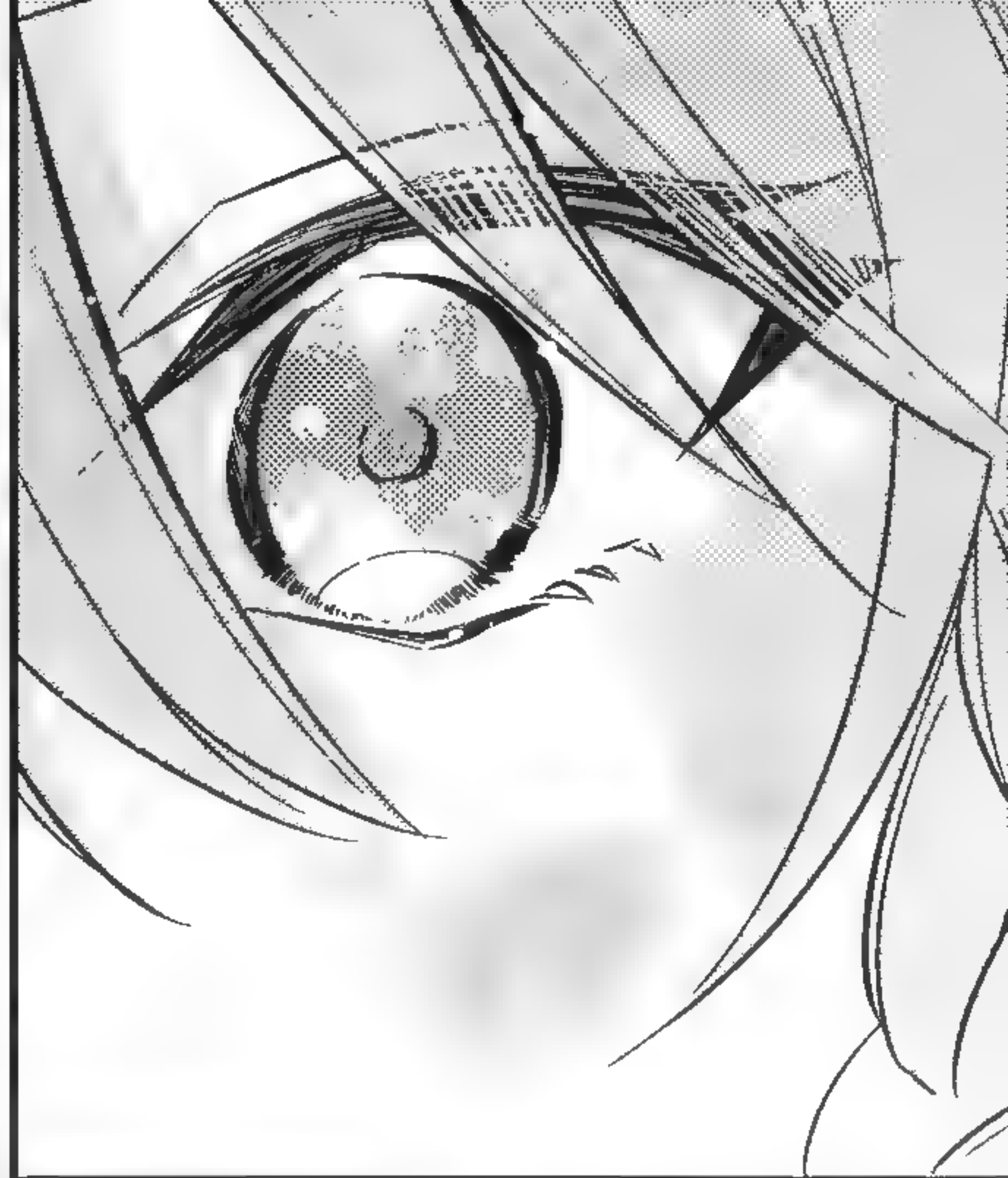




IS SO
KIND.

WHAT IS
THIS WARM
AND FUZZY
FEELING?

THE
PRINCE
ARNOLD
I KNOW
RIGHT
NOW...



TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
THIS
PERSON.



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.

I NEED...



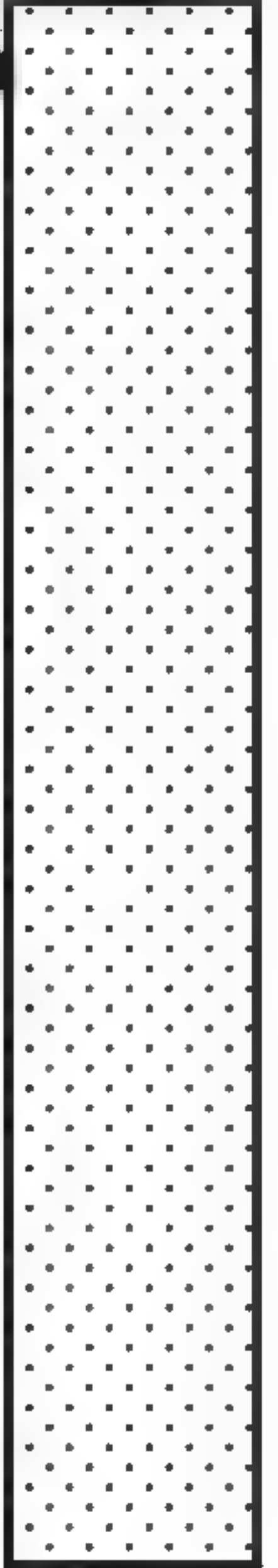
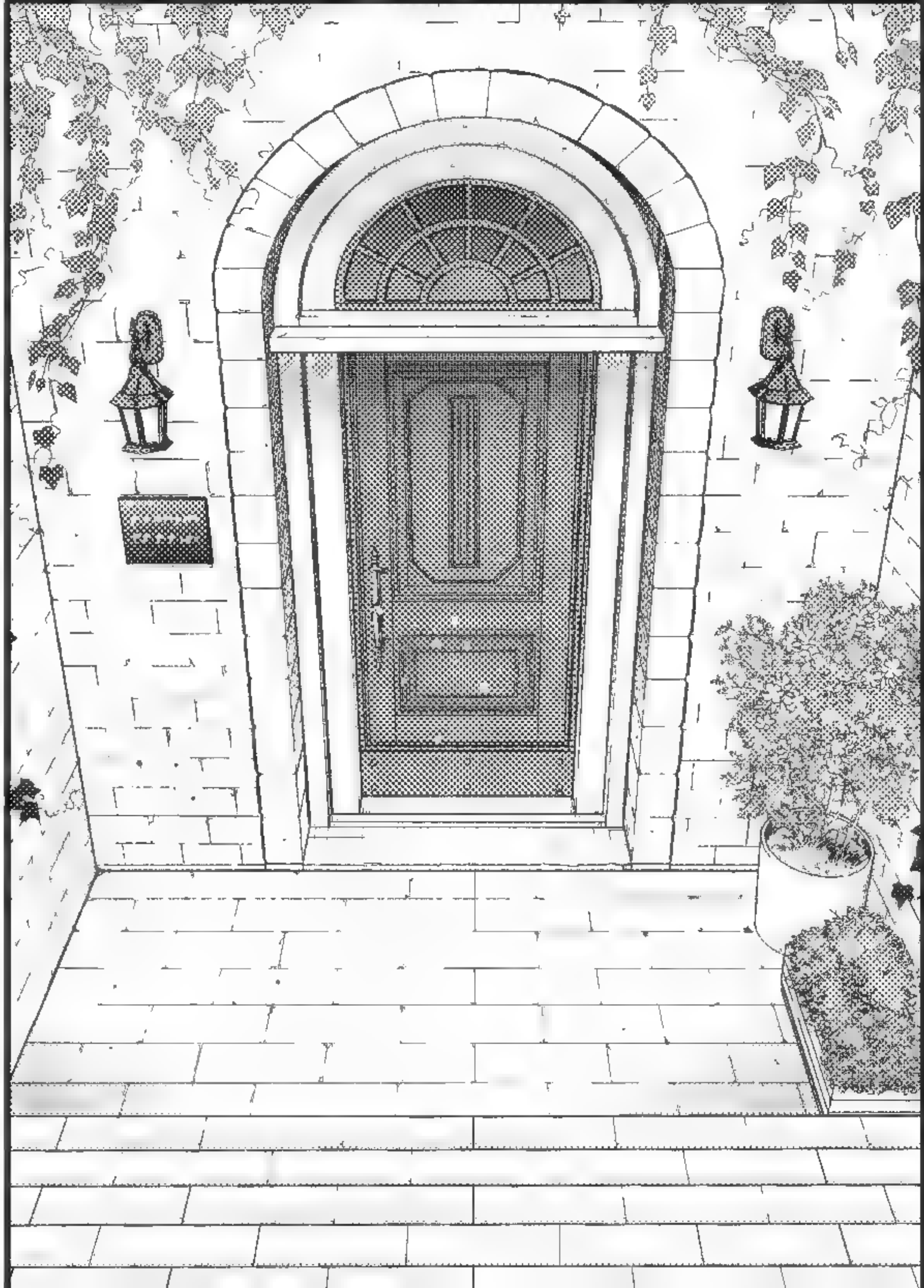
THAT EMPEROR
ARNOLD HEIN
WILL UNLEASH.

THAT'S HOW
I'M GOING
TO STOP THE
TRAGEDY...



THIS
SHOPKEEPER
WON'T COME
TO THE
CASTLE.

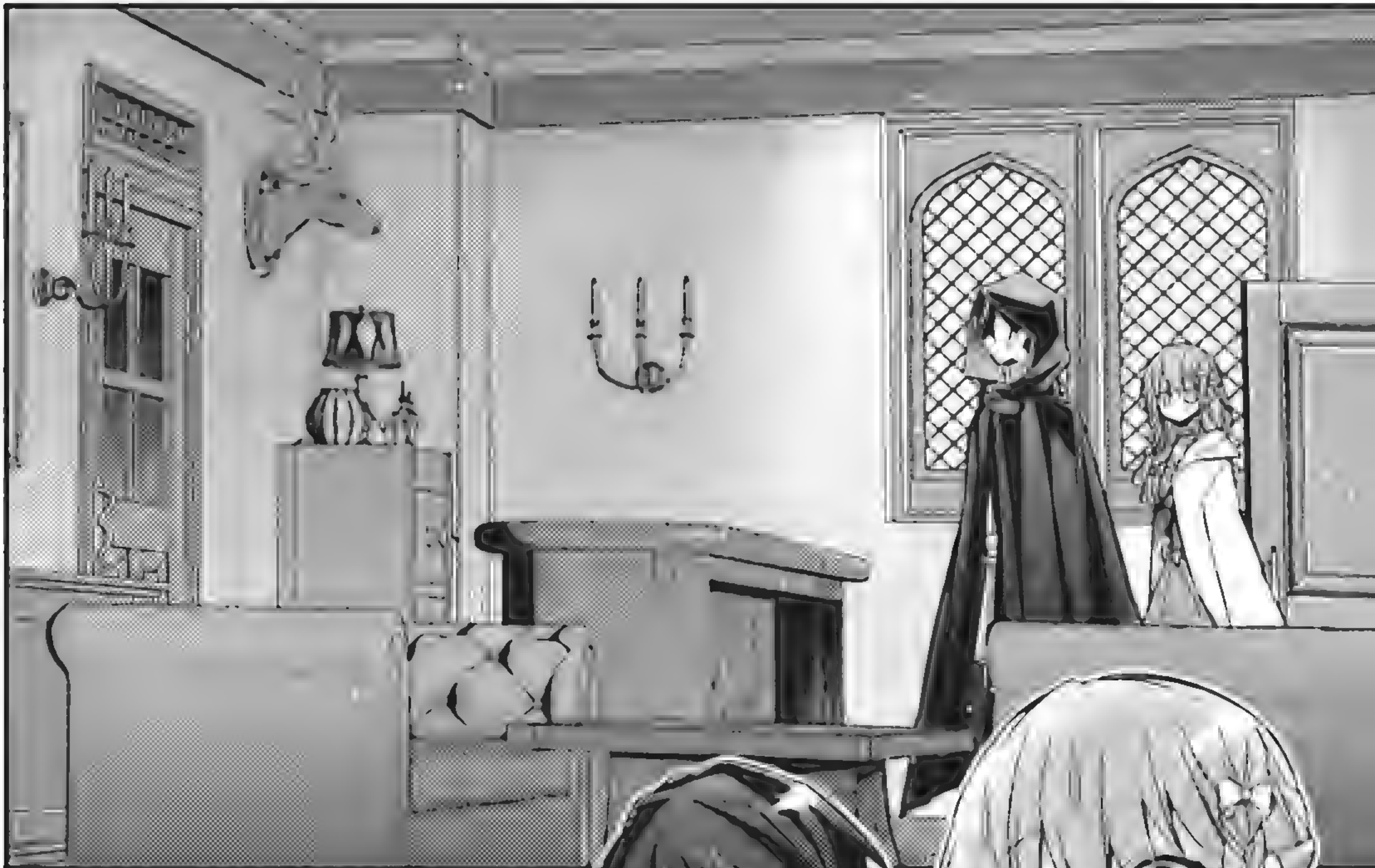
WHERE
ARE WE?





WHAT
KIND OF
SHOP IS
IT?

BECAUSE OF
THAT, WE
HAD TO COME
ALL THE WAY
OVER HERE
OURSELVES.



WE'VE
BEEN
EXPECTING
YOU.

STEP
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...

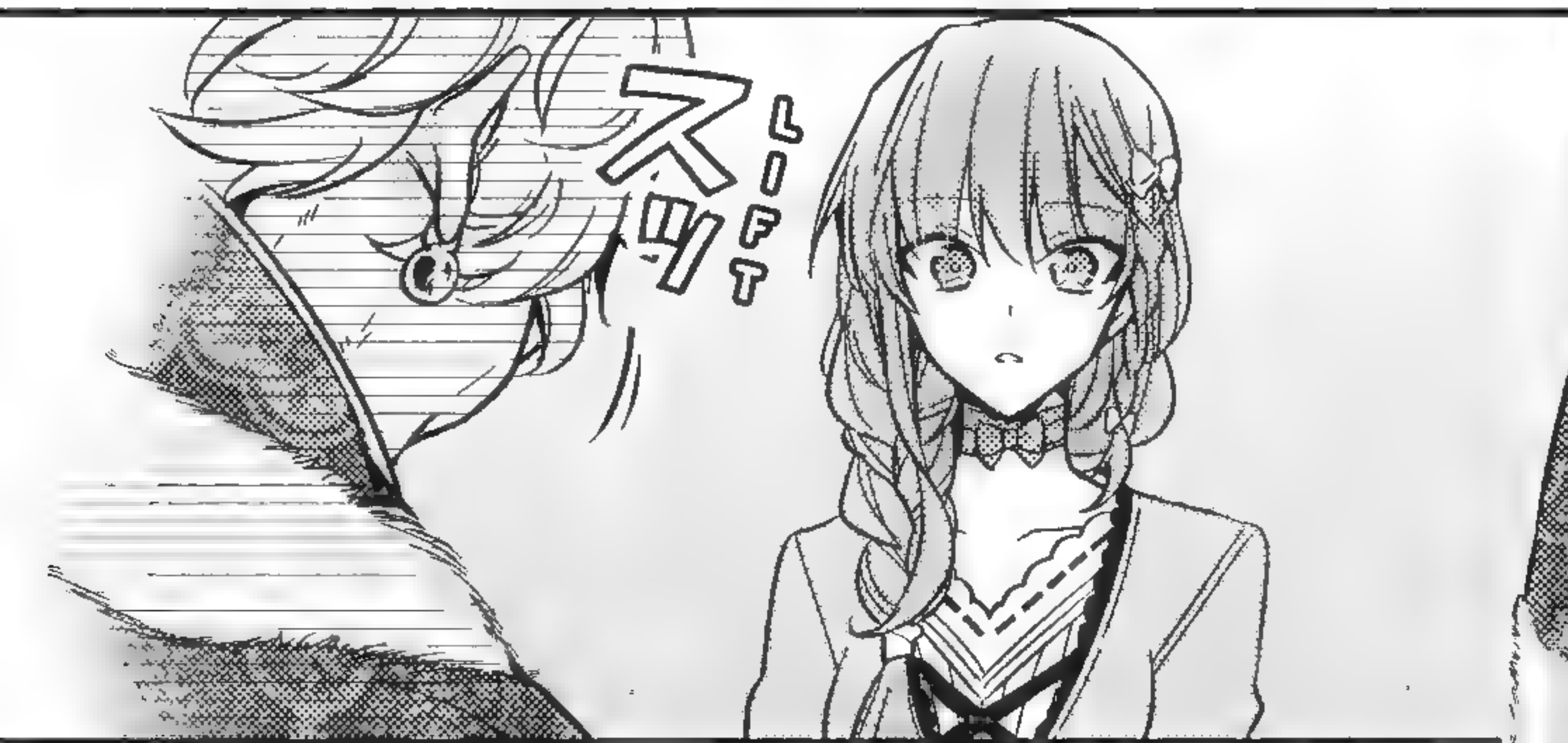




YOU DON'T
NEED TO
SPEAK SO
FORMALLY.
RAISE YOUR
HEAD.

YOUR
HIGHNESS
THE CROWN
PRINCE, I AM
PLEASED TO
SEE THAT
YOU...

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I AM RISHE
IRMGARD
WEITZNER.

THIS
IS MY
GRAND-
SON.

JEWEL-
ER?

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bow



IT'S
WONDERFUL
TO MEET
SUCH A
LOVELY
YOUNG
WOMAN.

I AM A
HUMBLE
JEWELER.



TAKE A
LOOK.

OPEN

WOW!

WHICH OF
THESE
STONES DO
YOU THINK
IS AN
IMITATION?

GIVE IT
A TRY,
RISHE.

IT'S JUST
A LITTLE
GAME. TAKE
A GUESS.



I WORKED WITH A LOT OF JEWELS WHILE I WAS A MERCHANT.

I WAS ALWAYS SO EXCITED TO SEE WHAT KIND OF JEWEL I WOULD COME ACROSS NEXT.

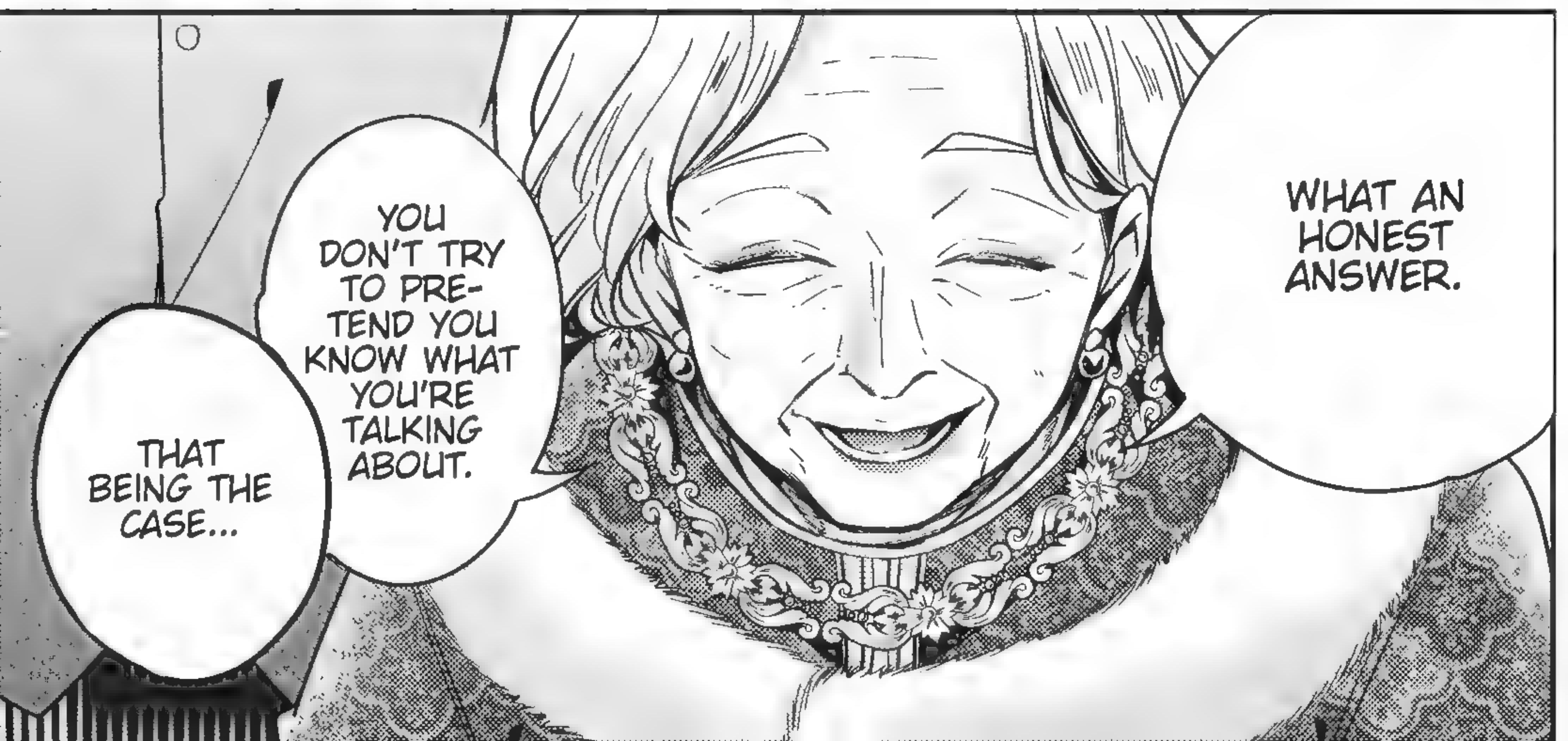


THAT'S WHY...

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THE CLARITY IS HIGH ON ALL OF THEM.

THE CUTS ARE DELICATE AND BEAUTIFUL.



COULD I
BORROW
YOUR
LOUPE?

AND A
PAIR OF
TWEE-
ZERS AND
A CLOTH
JUST TO
BE SURE.

I'LL BRING
THEM TO THE
WINDOW SO
I CAN GET A
CLOSER LOOK.

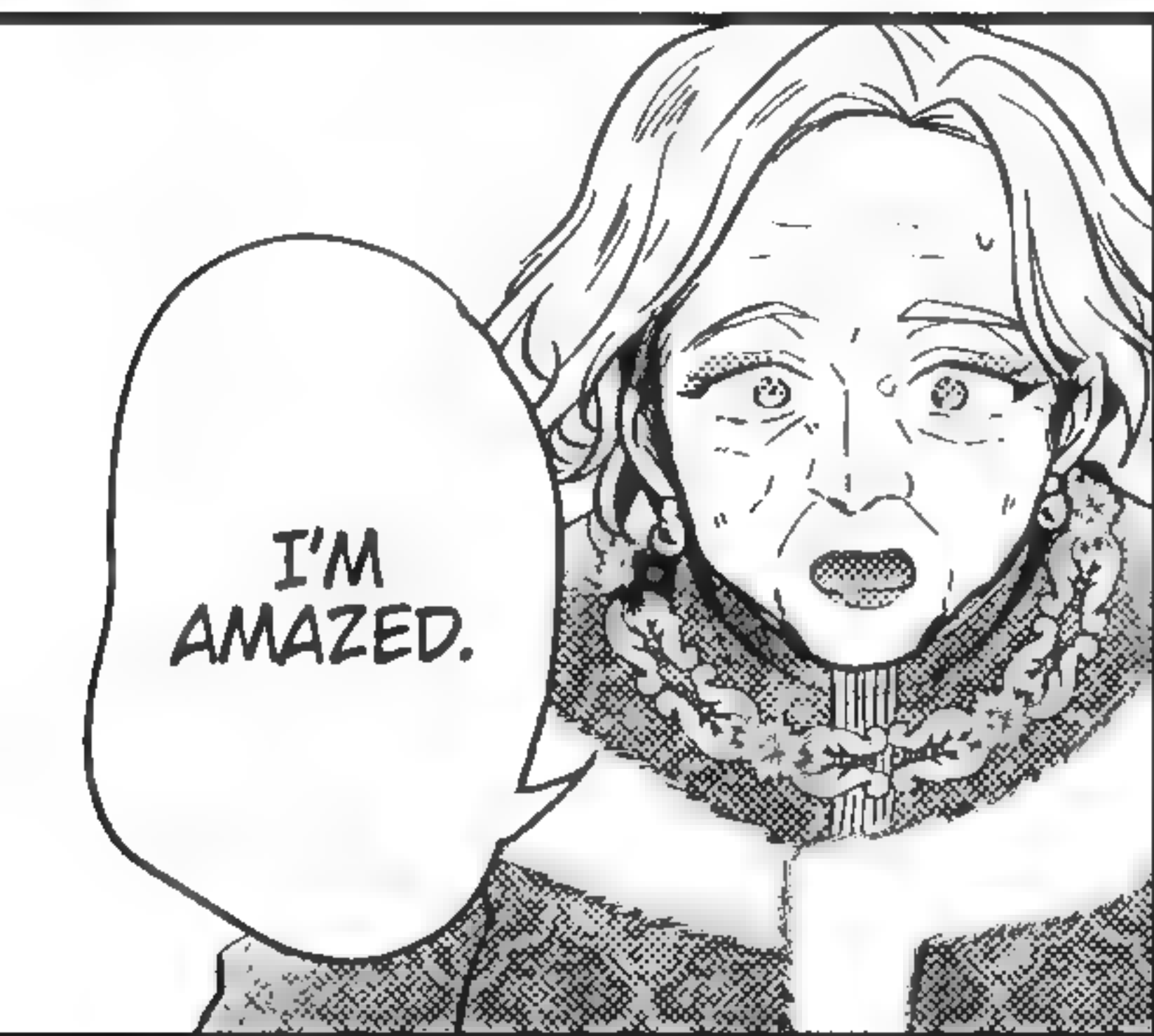
OH
MY...

THEY'RE
STILL
PRETTY
LIKE THIS,
BUT...



Heh!

31
?



I'M
AMAZED.



ALL THREE
OF THESE
ARE FAKE.



I LEARNED
THIS THE
HARD WAY
WHEN I WAS
STARTING
OUT.

Idiot!
I knew
you
wouldn't
be able
to tell
these
were fake
sap-
phires!



I'VE NEVER
HAD SOMEONE
ASK FOR TOOLS
TO GIVE ME
AN ANSWER
BEFORE.

THANK
YOU FOR
LETTING ME
USE YOUR
PRECIOUS
TOOLS.



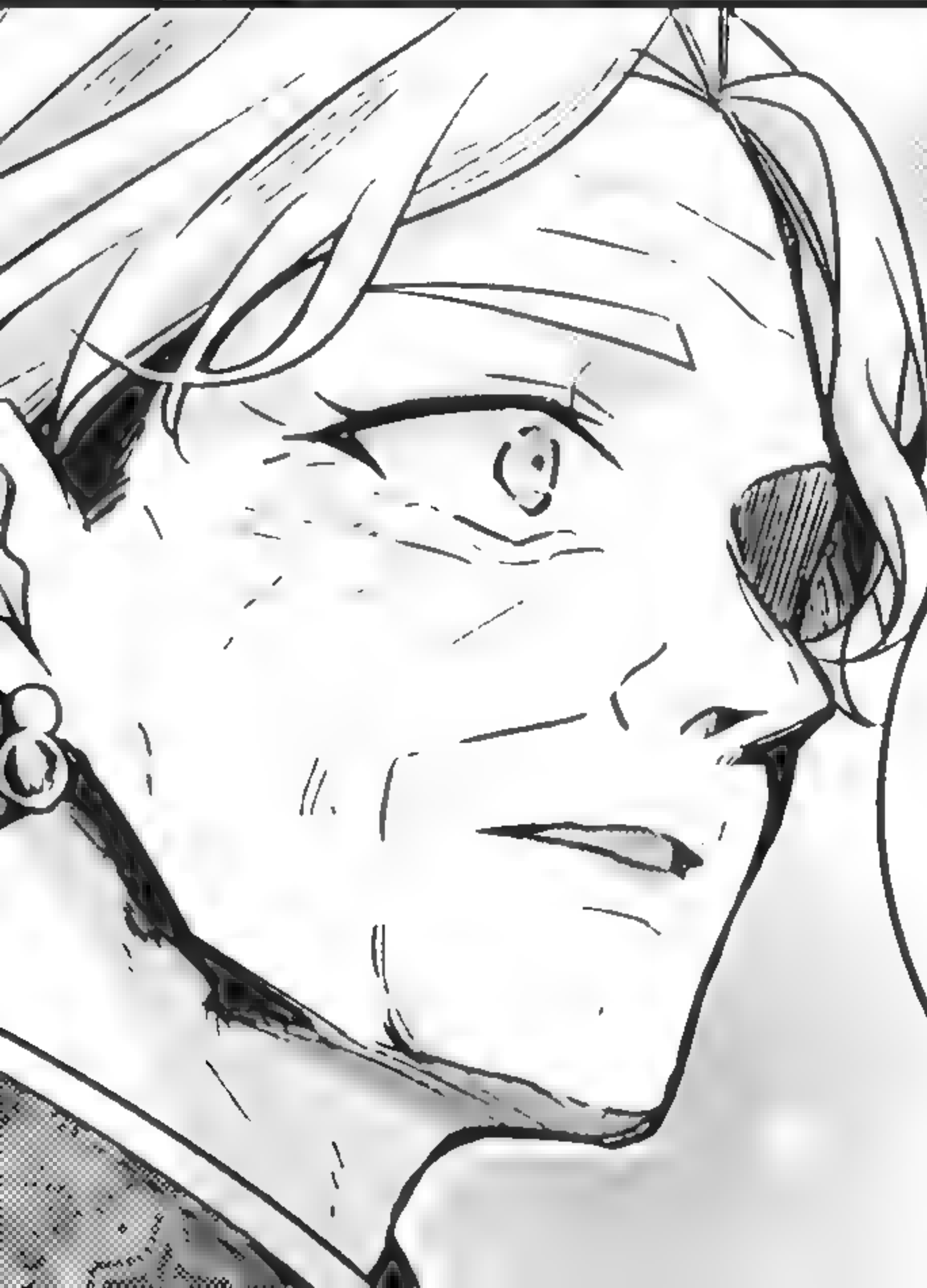
EVEN SO...



THESE ARE
BEAUTIFUL.

IT'S NOT JUST
AUTHENTICITY
THAT MAKES
JEWELS
BEAUTIFUL.

I'M SURE
THAT THERE
ARE A LOT
OF PEOPLE...



WHO
WOULD LOVE
THESE, DESPITE
THEM BEING
IMITATIONS.



THEY
REALLY
WERE
TRYING TO
TEST ME.

PEEK



I ADMIRE
YOU YET
AGAIN.

HUH?

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO APOLO-
GIZE!

I APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
ATTEMPT TO
TEST YOU.



I DON'T
THINK HE
WANTS ME
TO APPRAISE
THESE
JEWELS...

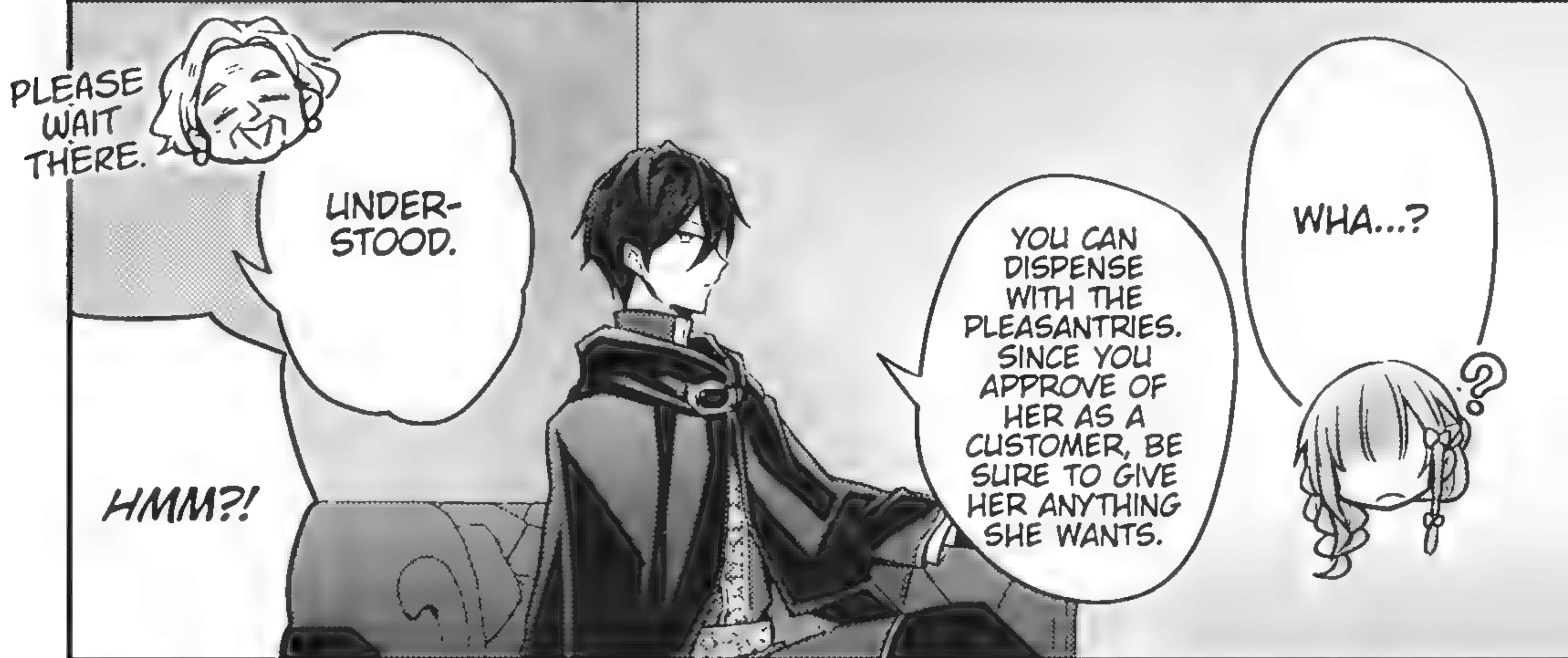
WHAT IS HE
TRYING TO
MAKE ME DO?



LADY
RISHE...

THIS
SHOP
IS MY
HOBBY.

OUR
GEMSTONES
ARE ONLY
AVAILABLE FOR
SALE TO SELECT
CUSTOMERS.



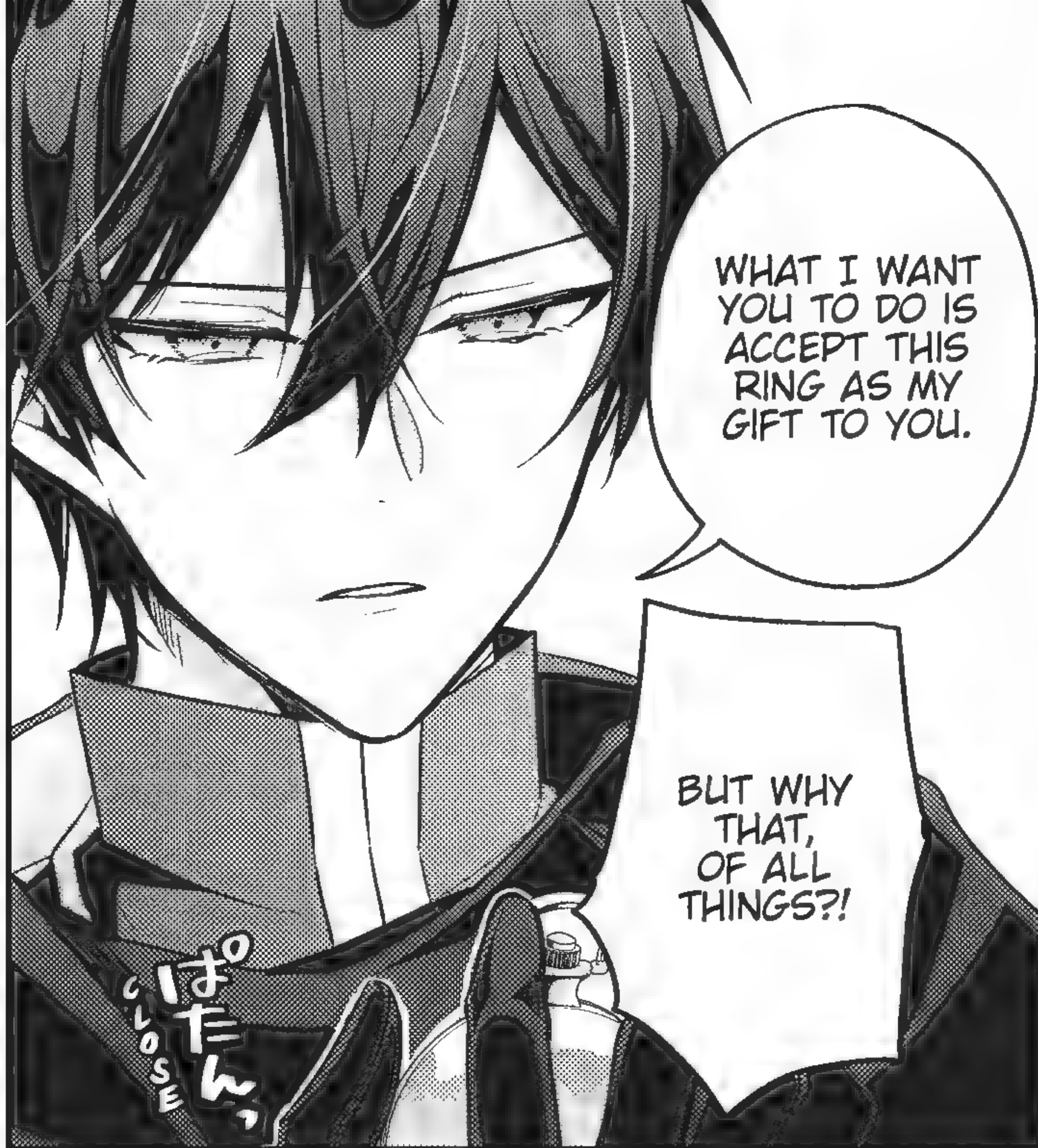


OH, IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

WOULDN'T YOU WANT SOMETHING THAT BENEFITS YOU MORE...?

SOME-THING I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO...

WELL, NOT REALLY!



WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS ACCEPT THIS RING AS MY GIFT TO YOU.

BUT WHY THAT, OF ALL THINGS?!



SIGH...
はあ...

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACCEPT SOMETHING EXPENSIVE FOR NO REASON.

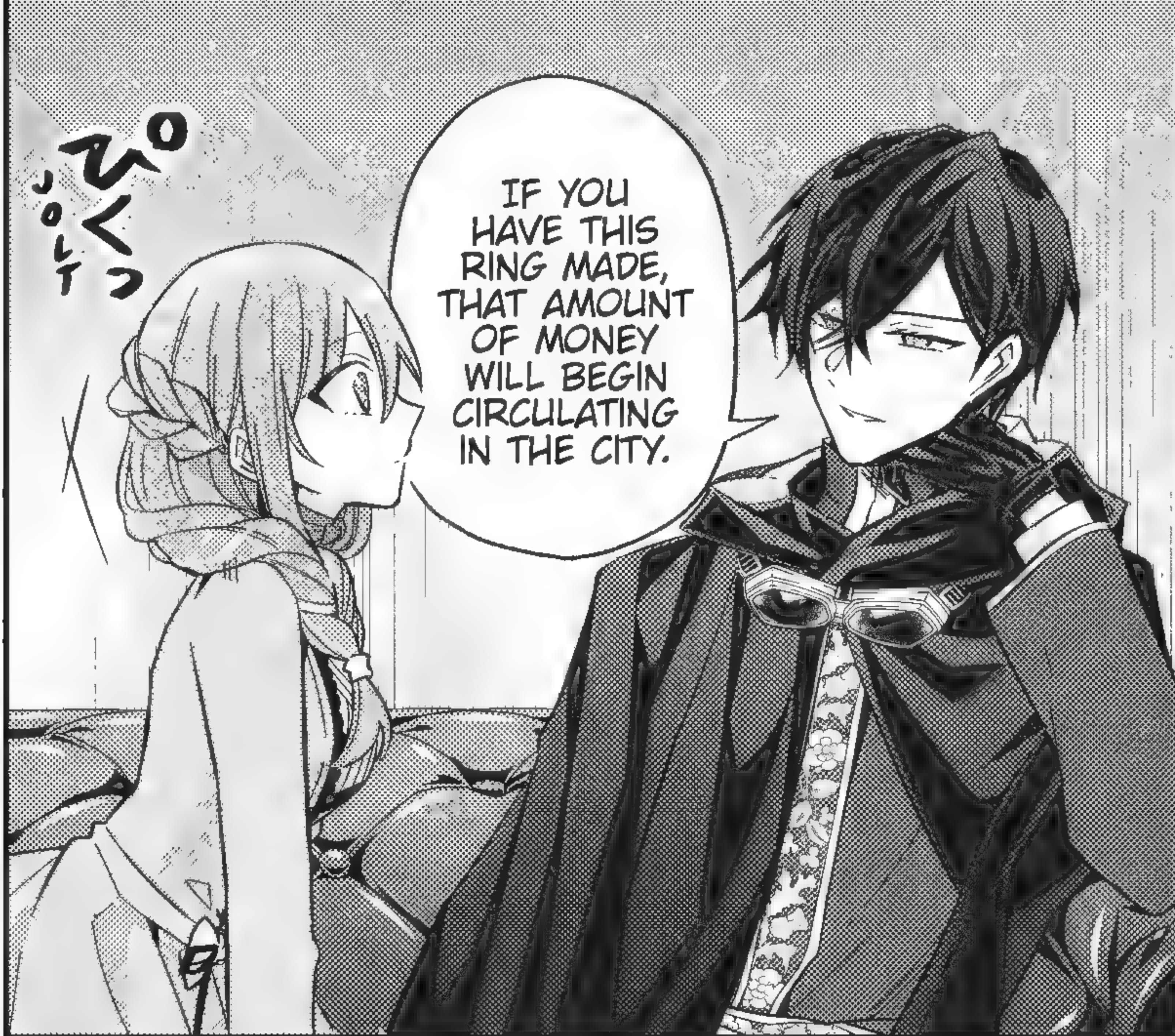
GAH!



THE ACT OF WEARING A RING ON THE LEFT RING FINGER ONLY HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN MY COUNTRY...

ARE RINGS PART OF WEDDINGS IN GALKHEIN TOO?

IF THERE'S A PARTICULAR REASON YOU WANT ME TO WEAR A RING, PLEASE TELL ME.



IF YOU HAVE THIS RING MADE, THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY WILL BEGIN CIRCULATING IN THE CITY.



STILL, WHY WOULD YOU SQUANDER THE OPPORTUNITY YOU WON IN OUR BET?

RISHE.



I HAVE SO MUCH MONEY SITTING AROUND GATHERING DUST.

IF I SPEND THAT MONEY HERE, THE JEWELER CAN USE THE PROFIT TO BUY NEW MERCHANDISE.

THAT, IN TURN, WILL STIMULATE THE CITY'S ECONOMY.

TH-THAT'S...

SHE COULD EVEN ORDER JEWELS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. WHEN PEOPLE AND GOODS MOVE, SO DOES THE MONEY.



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7th TIME LOOP

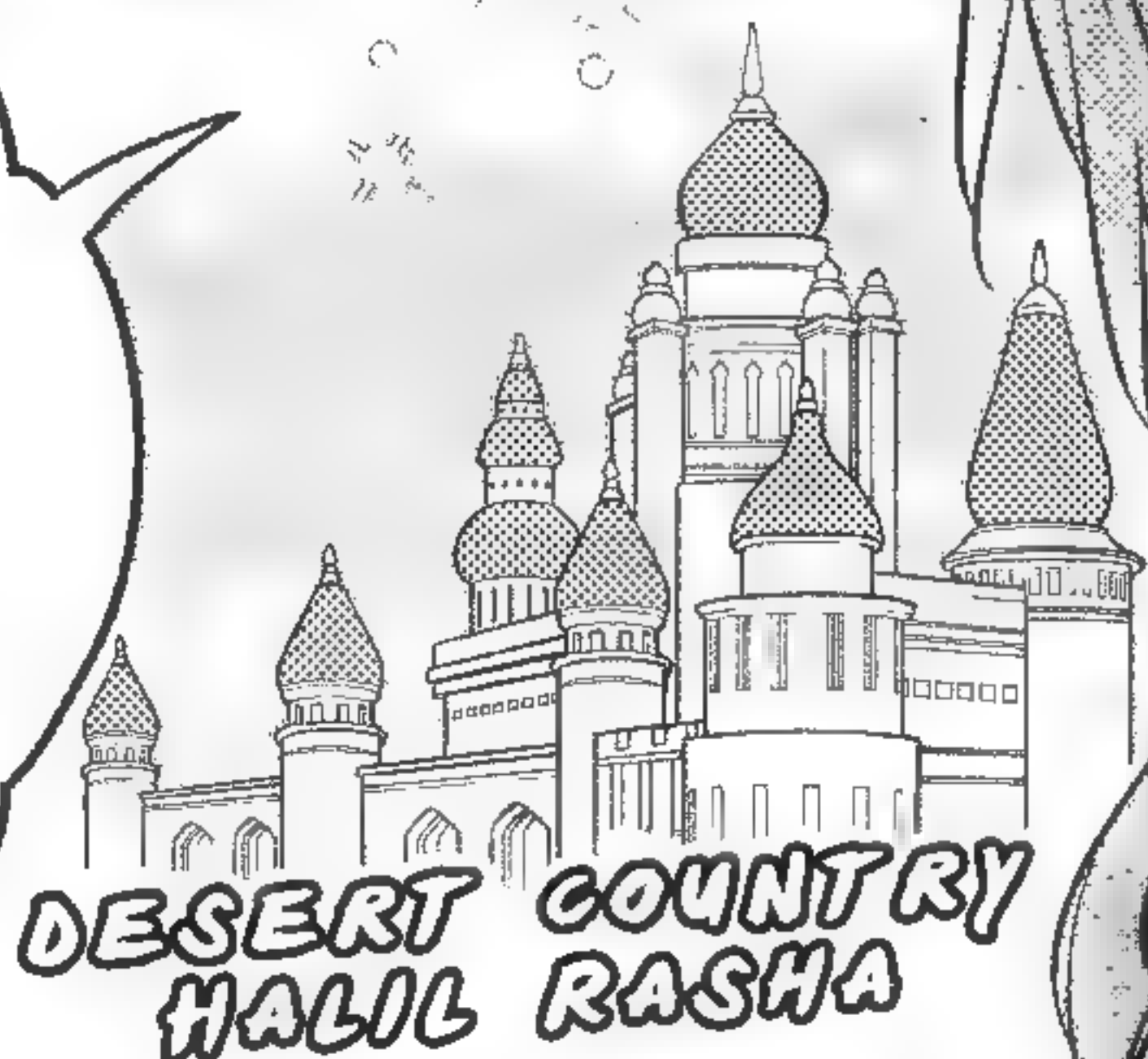
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Married to Her Worst Enemy!

キラ
SPARKLE

キラ
SPARKLE

ISN'T THIS...

ONE OF THE RARE
OPALS THAT WERE
ONLY FOUND IN THE
EASTERN MINES OF
HALIL RASHA FOR A
COUPLE OF YEARS?



きゃ きゃ
squee! squee!

WOW!

LOOK, HERE'S
A BEAUTIFUL
PINK
DIAMOND.

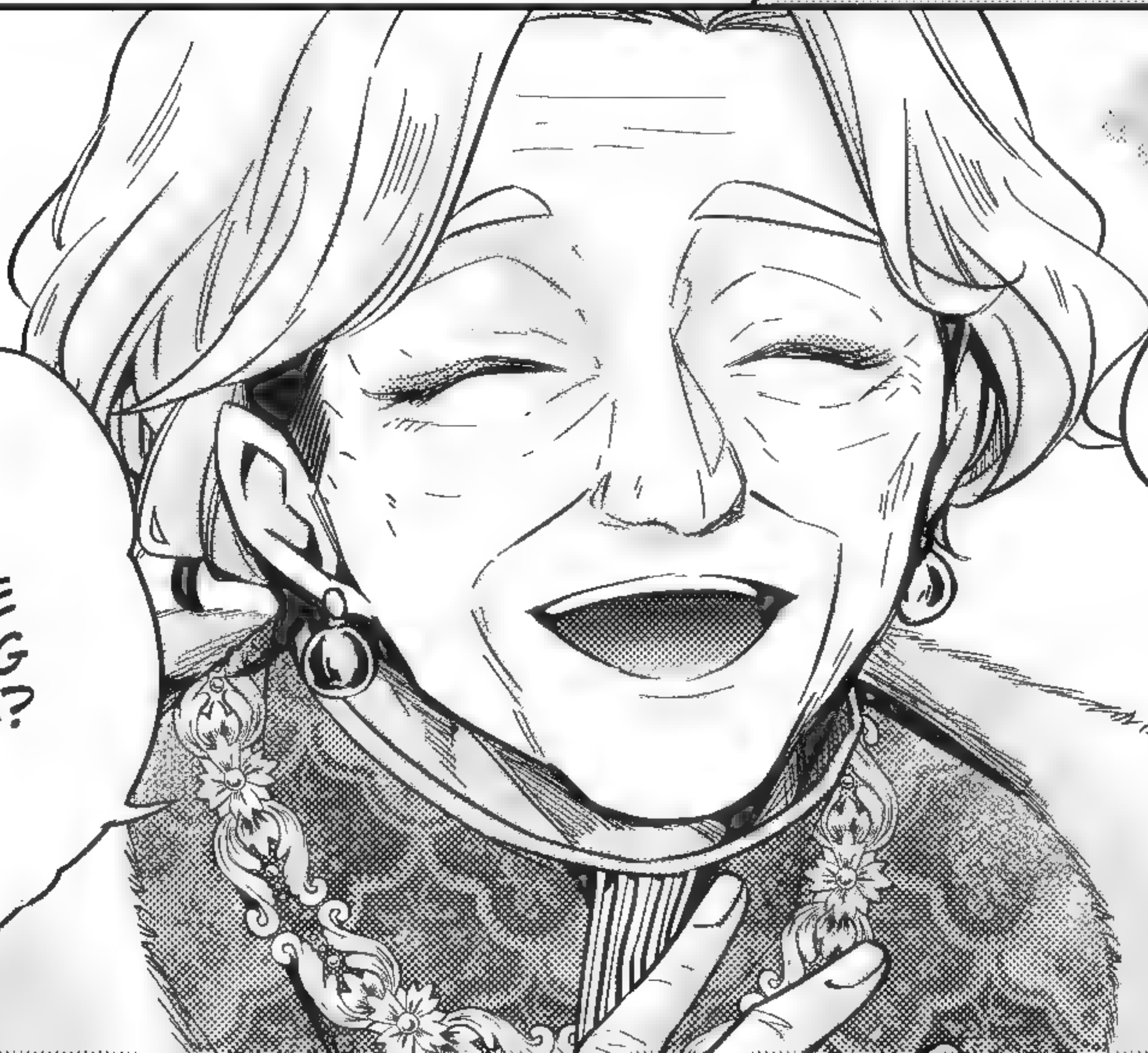
YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
IT?

CHAPTER 20

Who Are You Waiting For?

DID
YOU SEE
ANYTHING
YOU LIKE?

THIS IS
SO FUN!







SO YOU
SHOULD
SELECT
WHICHEVER
STONE
SPEAKS
TO YOUR
HEART.

THIS WILL
BECOME YOUR
OWN PERSONAL
TALISMAN...



WHAT
COLOR DO
YOU LIKE?



WHAT
COLOR...
DO I LIKE?





A BEAUTIFUL
BLUE.

A close-up of a character's eye, looking slightly to the side. The eye is large and detailed, with long, thin eyelashes. The surrounding hair is light-colored and slightly tousled.

LIKE THE
COLOR OF
THE FROZEN
SEA.

PRINCE
THEODORE
HAS SIMILAR
BLUE EYES,
BUT PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
ARE A LITTLE
PALER.

A character with dark, spiky hair and a serious expression. They are wearing a dark, high-collared garment. In the background, there is a blurred image of a person in a dynamic pose, possibly a knight or warrior, in a room with stone walls and a large window.

DID I
FEEL THIS
WAY WHEN
I FIRST
FOUGHT HIM
DURING MY
LIFE AS A
KNIGHT?

OR
ARE THESE
FEELINGS
NEW TO THIS
LIFE?

IT'S A
STRANGE
FEELING TO
SEE MYSELF
IN HIS EYES.



HUH?

.....



DO YOU HAVE
ANY JEWELS
THAT ARE THE
COLOR OF HIS
EYES?



DID I
JUST SAY
SOMETHING
RIDICULOUS?

あわ
PANIC

あわ
PANIC

NO!

I DIDN'T
MEAN IT LIKE
THAT!

OH MY,
OH MY...!

WHAT DID I
JUST...?

I HAVE
JUST THE
THING FOR
YOU.

HEH HEH
HEH, SO
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
HIS EYES
WERE
PRETTY...?

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
カチカチ

OH NO,
WAIT!!

VANISH

I'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
THAT SHADE
OF BLUE
WAS
PRETTY!!

I JUST
REALLY
LIKE THE
COLOR OF
PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
EYES!

AH!!

PLEASE
FORGET I
SAID THAT...

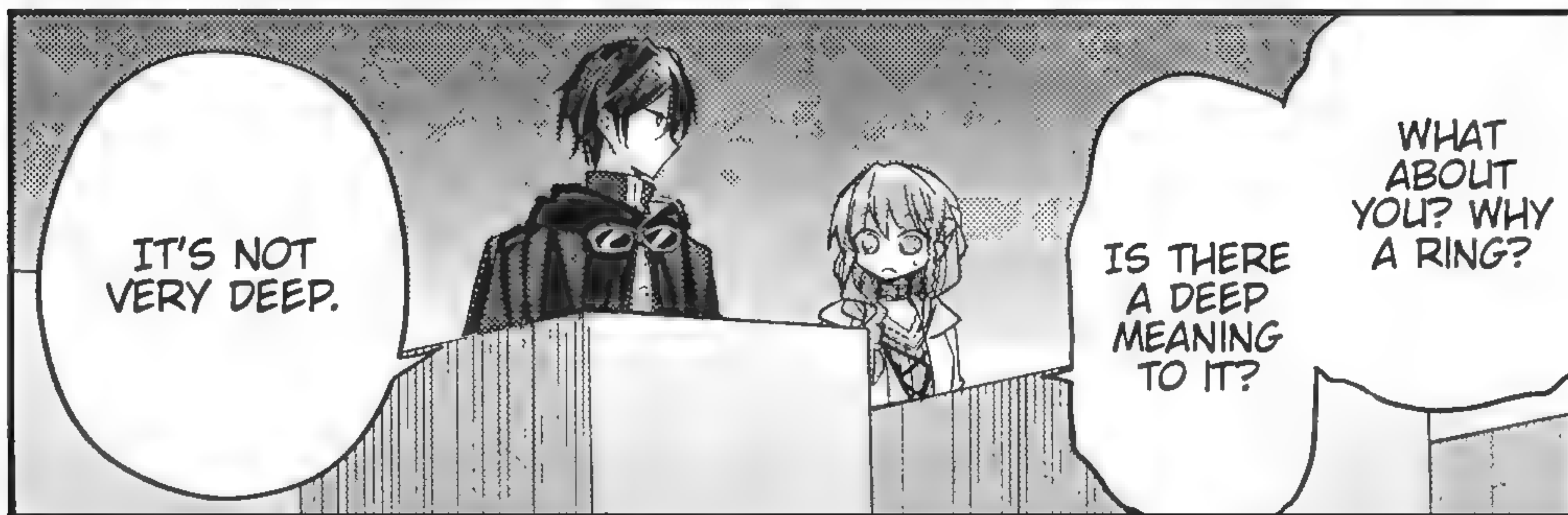
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THE VIEW
FROM HERE
IS LOVELY.

IT
LOOKS SO
DIFFERENT
FROM UP
HERE.

EVEN AFTER
SEEING IT UP
CLOSE, THIS
TOWN IS SO
BEAUTIFUL
TO ME.







OH
YEAH...

SIGH...



ALL
RIGHT.

THEN...

I'LL
SHOW
YOU FIRST
WHEN THE
RING IS
DONE.

FIDGET

IF HE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT WHEN
TO GO HOME,
HE'D CHECK
THE TIME
MORE OFTEN
THE LATER IT
GOT.

BUT HE
HASN'T
LOOKED AT
HIS WATCH
SINCE WE
GOT HERE.



NO.



HE KEPT
CHECKING
HIS WATCH
ALL DAY
TODAY.

MAYBE
WE HAVE
TO GO
BACK
SOON.

FIDGET



HE'S HERE
TO TRAIN
THE RECRUIT
KNIGHTS.

YES.



THAT
MEANS...

I HEARD
THAT LORD
LAWVINE IS
HERE IN THE
CASTLE.



HE IS
THE MOST
QUALIFIED
TEACHER WE
HAVE.

I
INVITED
HIM
HERE.

WHOSE
GUEST
IS HE?

I WOULD
LOVE TO MEET
SOMEONE AS
RENOWNED
AS HIM.



PRINCE
ARNOLD.

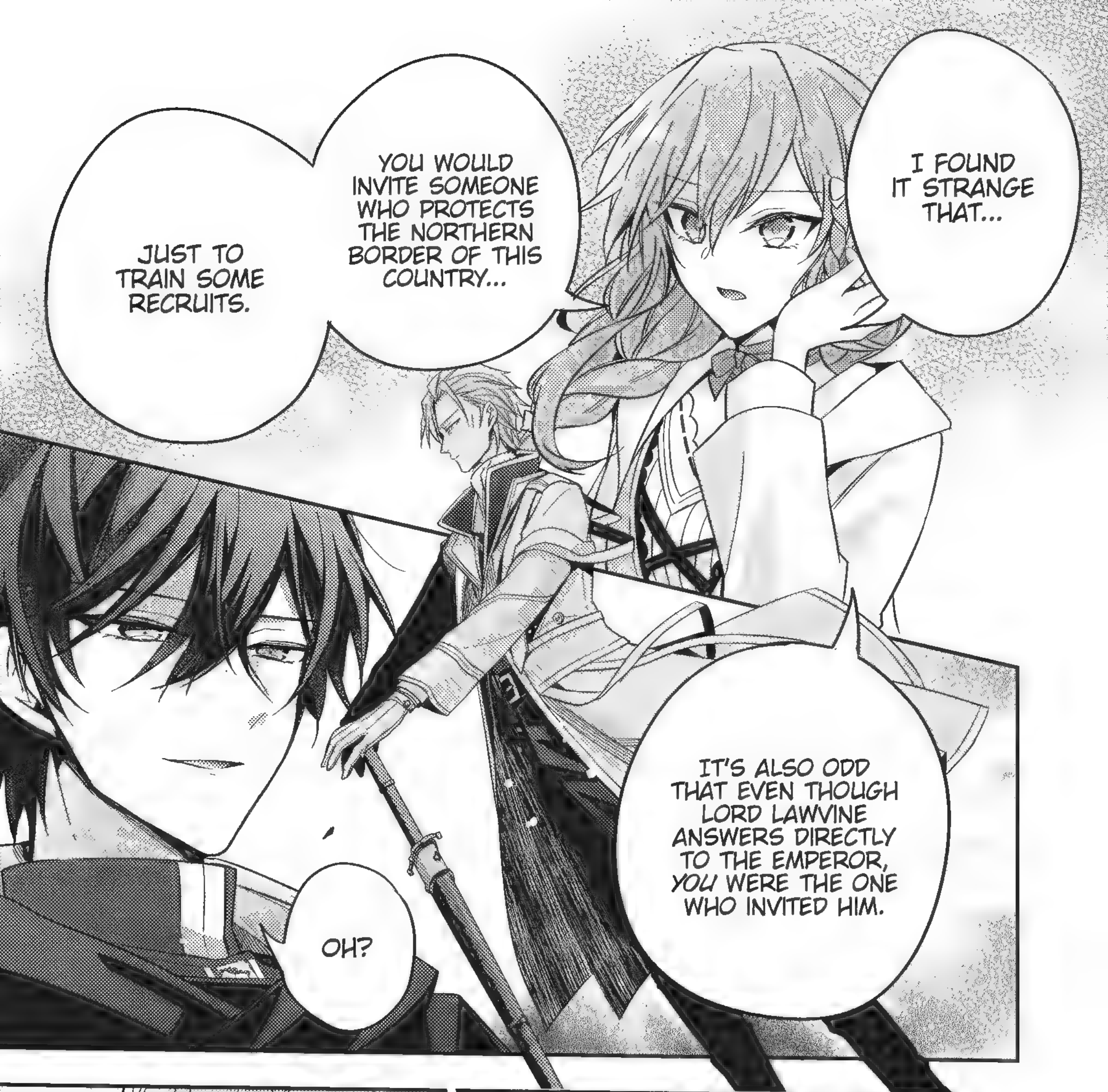


WHO ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR HERE?



THAT'S AN
ABRUPT
QUESTION.





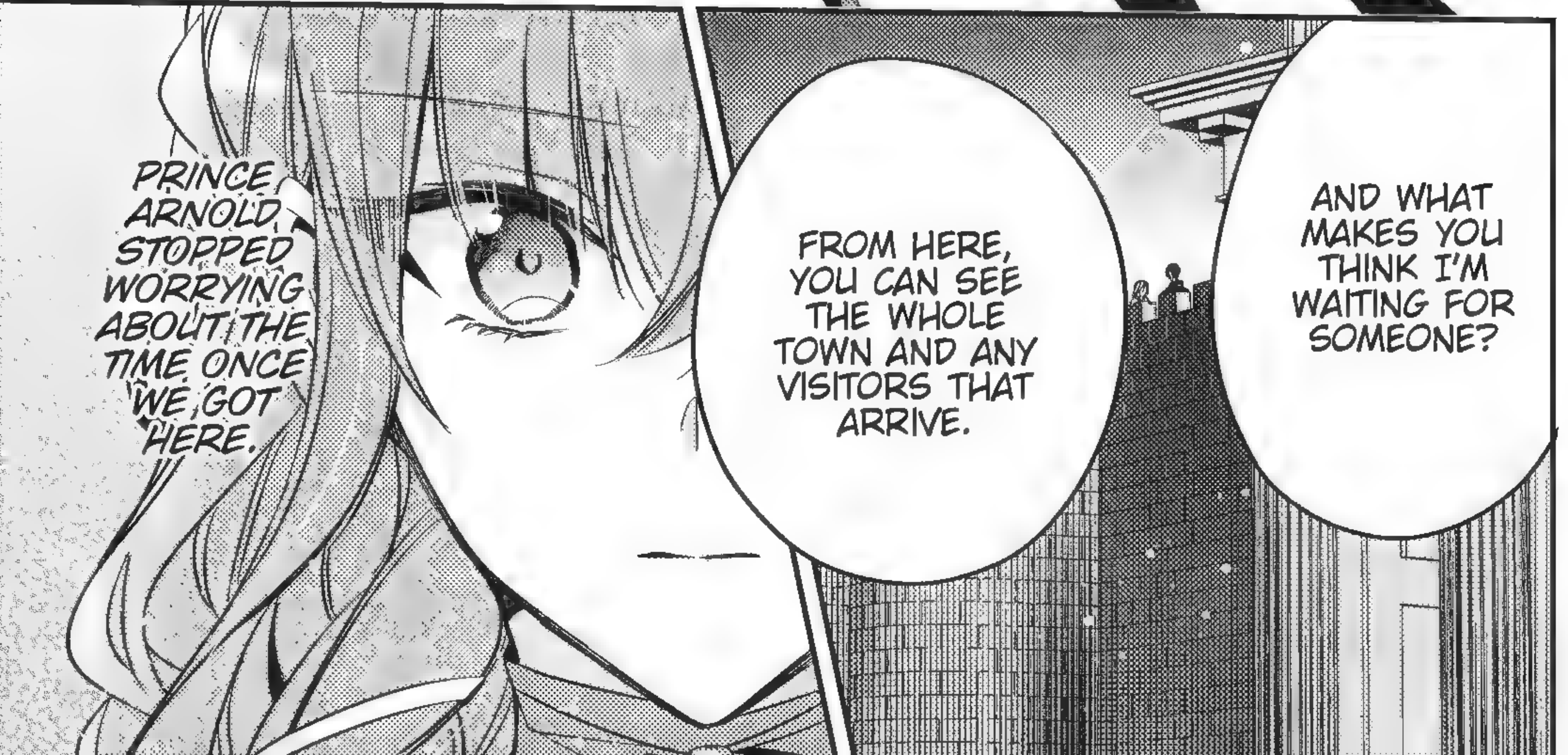
JUST TO
TRAIN SOME
RECRUITS.

YOU WOULD
INVITE SOMEONE
WHO PROTECTS
THE NORTHERN
BORDER OF THIS
COUNTRY...

I FOUND
IT STRANGE
THAT...

OH?

IT'S ALSO ODD
THAT EVEN THOUGH
LORD LAWVINE
ANSWERS DIRECTLY
TO THE EMPEROR,
YOU WERE THE ONE
WHO INVITED HIM.



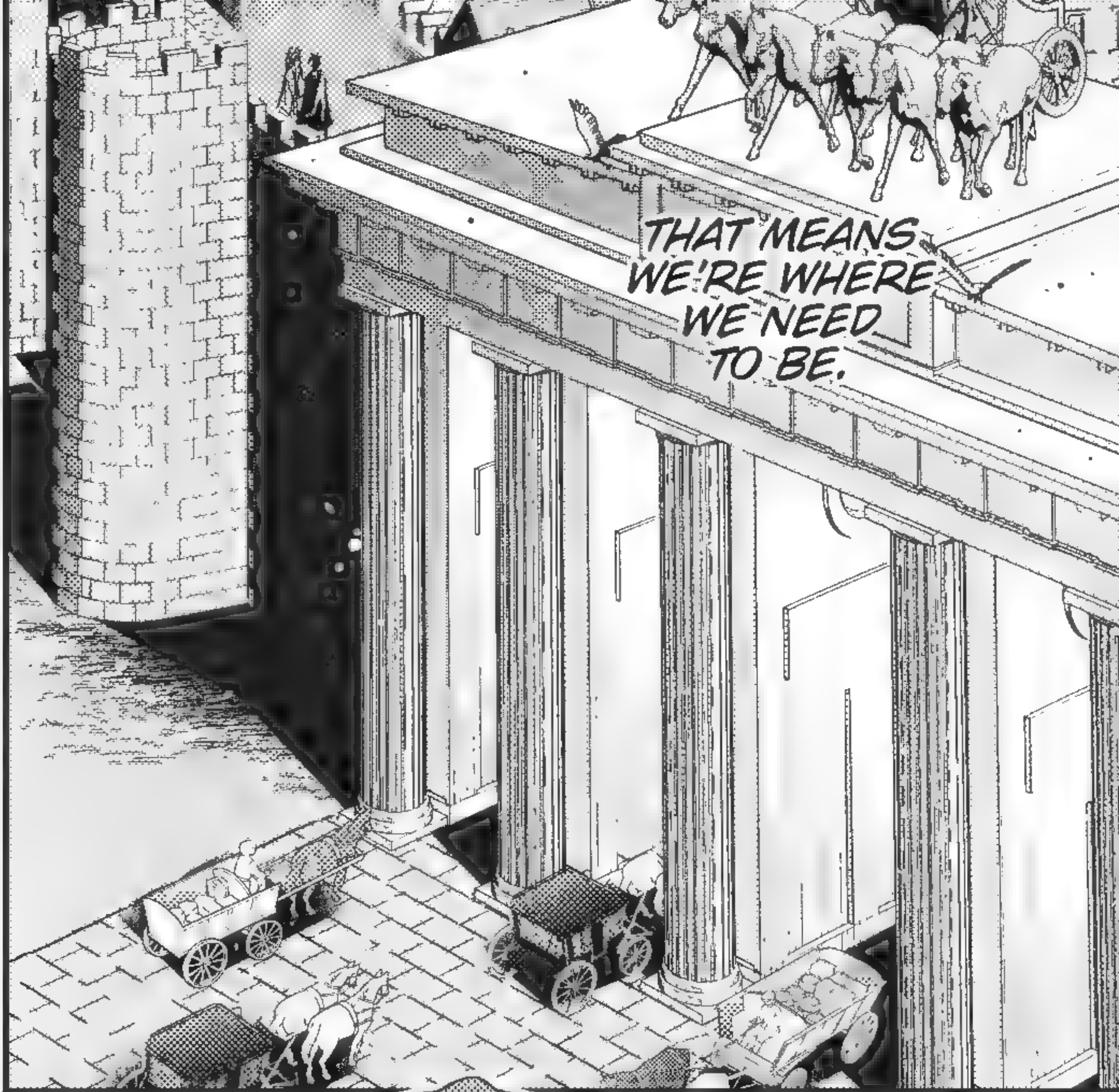
PRINCE
ARNOLD
STOPPED
WORRYING
ABOUT THE
TIME ONCE
WE GOT
HERE.

FROM HERE,
YOU CAN SEE
THE WHOLE
TOWN AND ANY
VISITORS THAT
ARRIVE.

AND WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK I'M
WAITING FOR
SOMEONE?



I NEEDED
AN OFFICIAL
REASON FOR
LAWVINE TO BE
HERE WITH
HIS MEN.



THAT MEANS
WE'RE WHERE
WE NEED
TO BE.

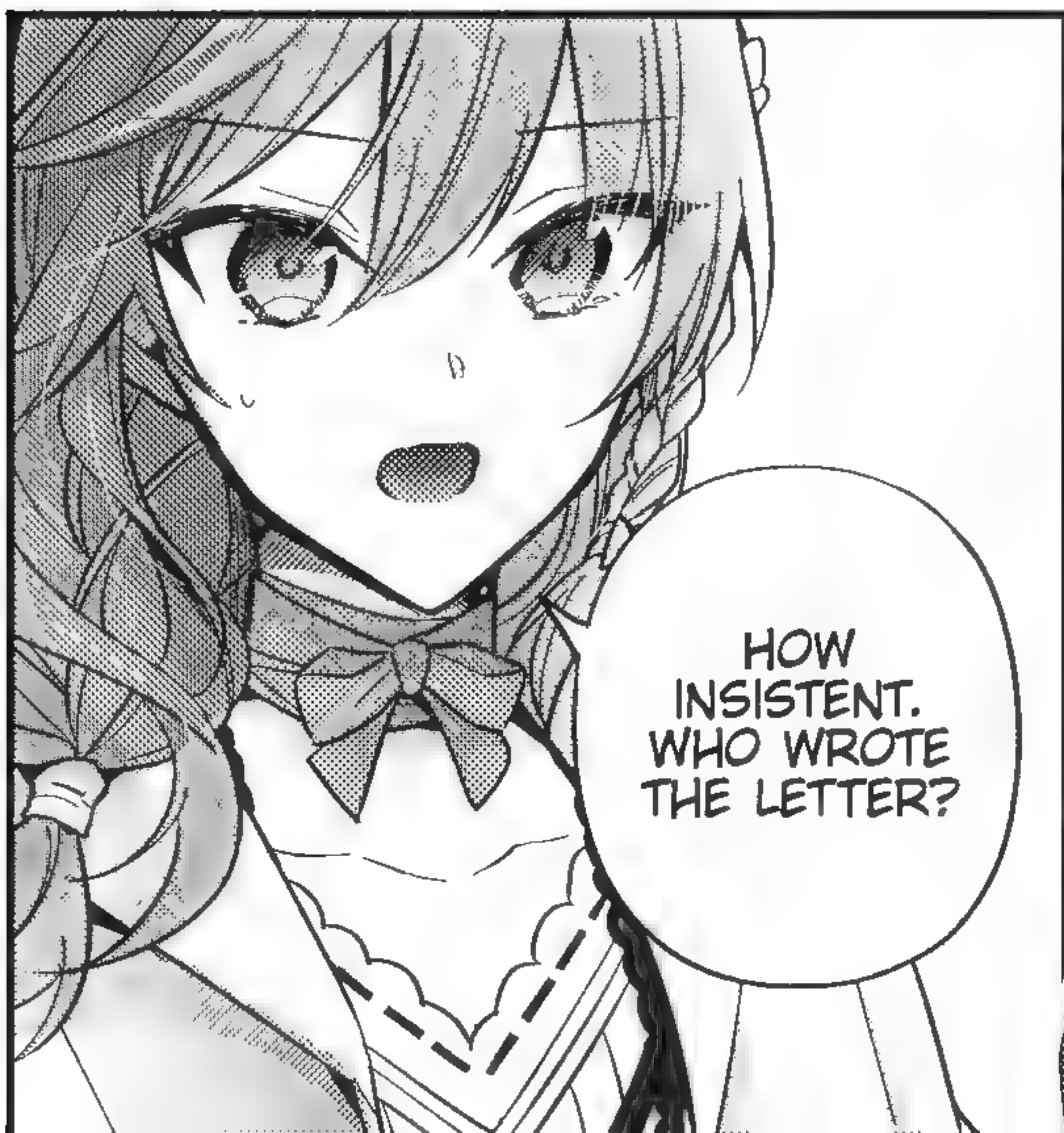


BEFORE I
COULD SEND
A LETTER
TELLING THEM
THAT WAS
UNNECESSARY,
I RECEIVED
ANOTHER LET-
TER SAYING
THAT THEY'D
ALREADY LEFT.

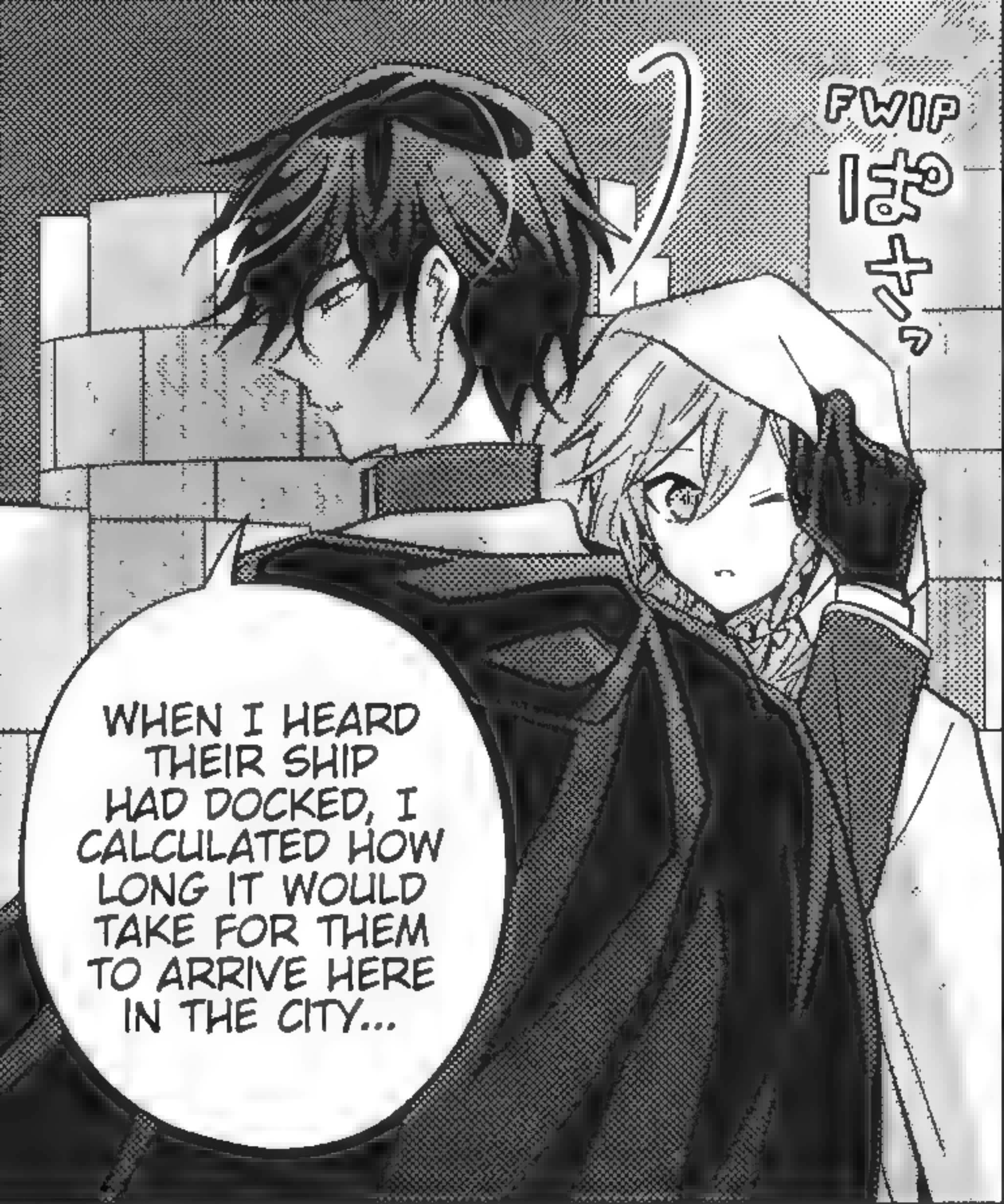
SINCE THEY
CAN'T MAKE IT
TO OUR WED-
DING, THEY SAID
THAT THEY WERE
GOING TO COME
OFFER US THEIR
CONGRATULA-
TIONS IN PERSON
BEFOREHAND.



THE OTHER
DAY, I
RECEIVED A
LETTER FROM
THE ROYAL
FAMILY OF
A CERTAIN
COUNTRY.



HOW
INSISTENT.
WHO WROTE
THE LETTER?



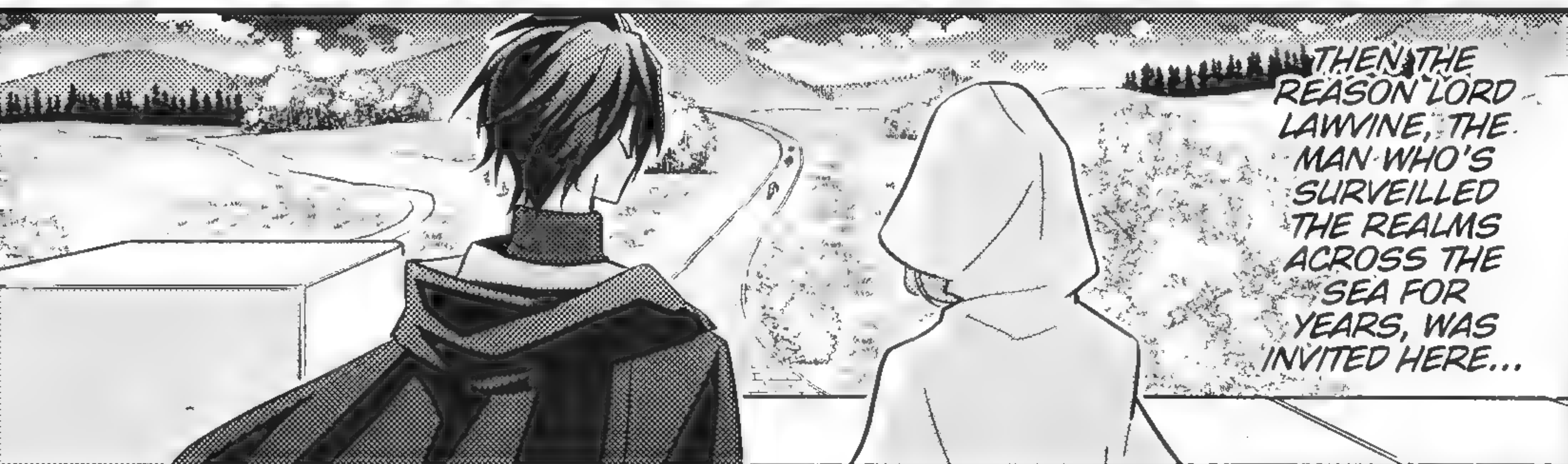
FWIP
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WHEN I HEARD
THEIR SHIP
HAD DOCKED, I
CALCULATED HOW
LONG IT WOULD
TAKE FOR THEM
TO ARRIVE HERE
IN THE CITY...



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YOU
ALREADY
HAVE A
GUESS,
DON'T YOU?



THEN THE
REASON LORD
LAWVINE, THE
MAN WHO'S
SURVEILLED
THE REALMS
ACROSS THE
SEA FOR
YEARS, WAS
INVITED HERE...



WAS TO
DISCREETLY
KEEP THE
COYOLLES
ROYAL FAMILY
IN CHECK.

"WEITZNER!"

THAT'S
THE DESIGN
OF A
CARRIAGE
FROM
COYOLLES.

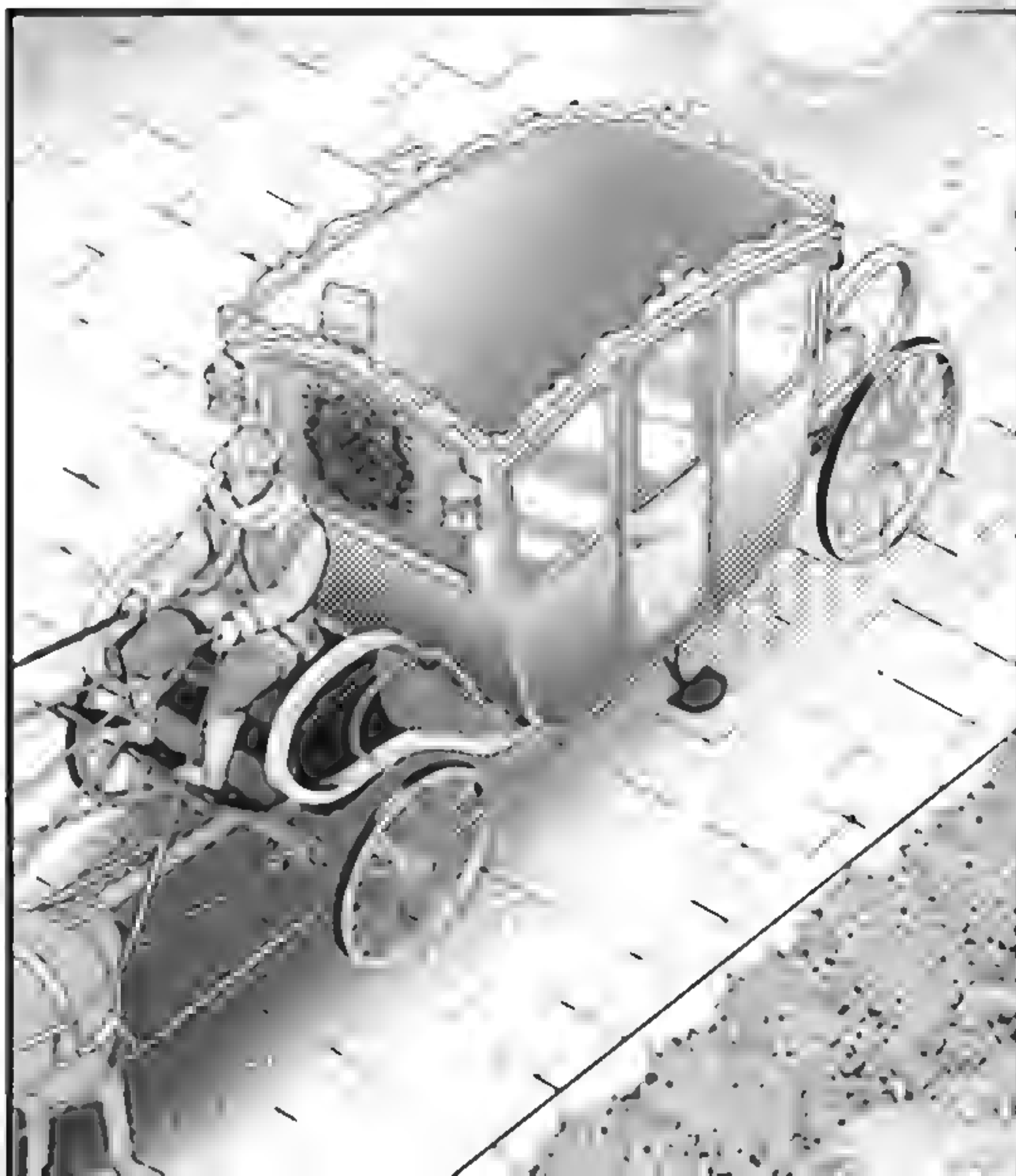


THE SICKLY
ELDEST
PRINCE OF
COYOLLES
HAD A
STRONG
SENSE OF
RESPON-
SIBILITY
TOWARDS HIS
PEOPLE.

"FOR THAT,
I'LL DO
ANYTHING."



"THAT..."



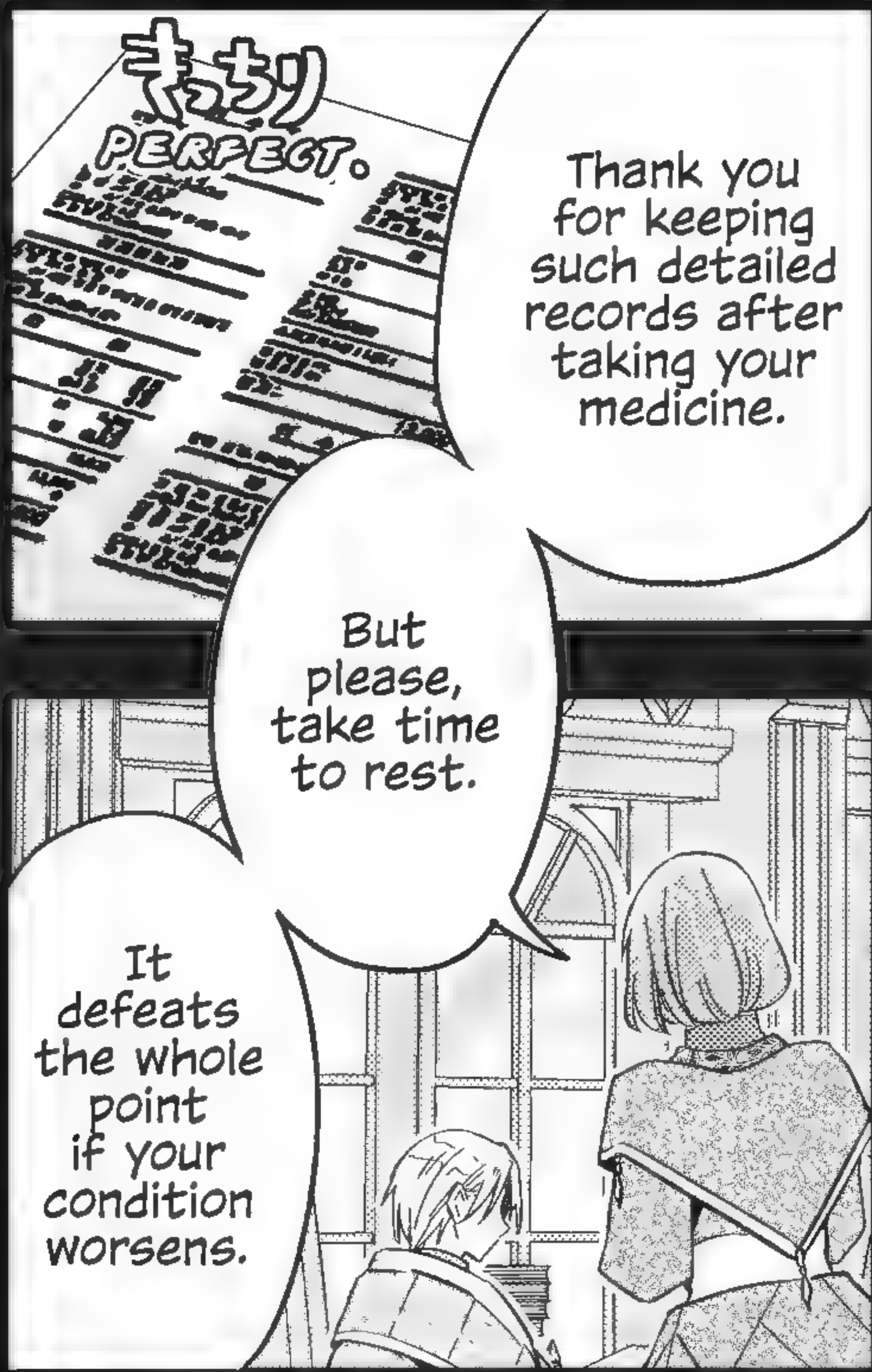
"I WANT
TO PROTECT
THIS COUN-
TRY."

"IS MY
GREATEST
DUTY, AS
ONE WHO,
BY RIGHTS,
SHOULD
HAVE DIED
FROM THEIR
ILLNESS
LONG AGO."

PRINCE
KYLE.

THAT
WAS...





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PERFECT.

Thank you
for keeping
such detailed
records after
taking your
medicine.

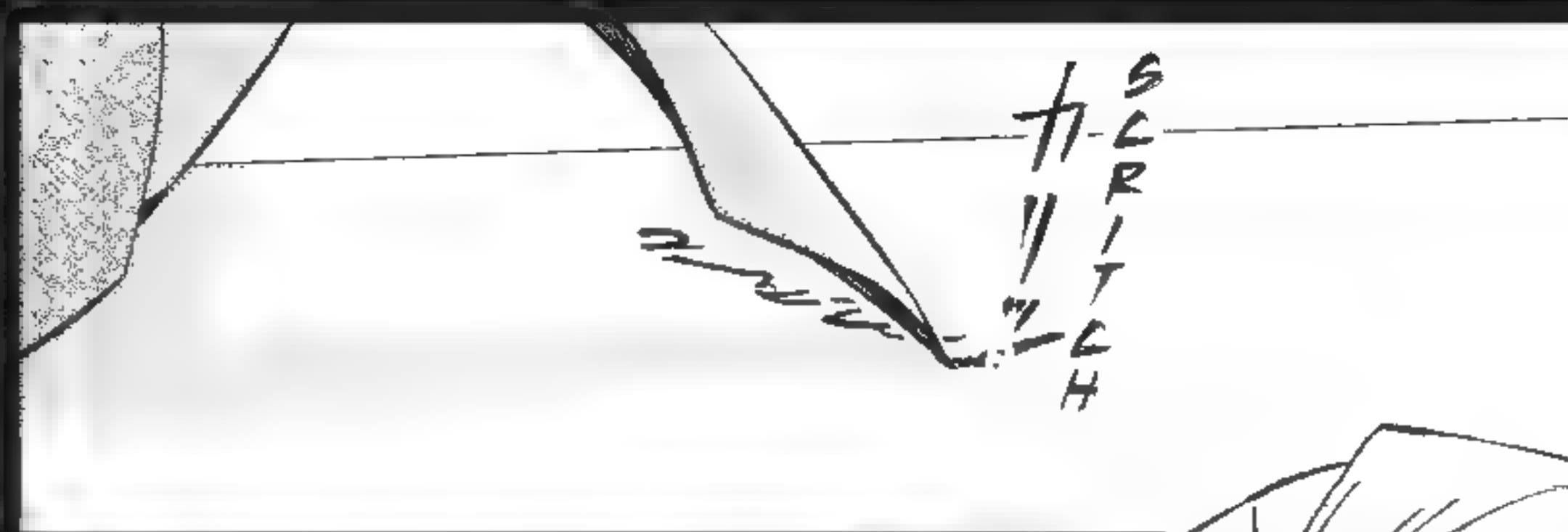
But
please,
take time
to rest.

It
defeats
the whole
point
if your
condition
worsens.



THE NAME
OF MY
PATIENT
WHEN I LIVED
AS AN
APOTHECARY.

Prince
Kyle.



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I'm not
pushing
myself,
Weitzner.

Don't
worry.

AH!
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We'll be happy
as long as you
get better.

Teacher
forgets all
about the
struggle the
moment the
medicine's
finished.

I want to
repay that
hard work.

I know how
hard you all
work to make
this medicine
for me.

HE WAS
A VERY
SERIOUS AND
COURTEOUS
PERSON.

PLEASE
REST.

Nod
こくり

I'll do
my best.

IT'S A
COUNTRY THAT
HAS MAINTAINED
PEACEFUL
RELATIONS WITH
ITS NEIGHBORS
THROUGH
DIPLOMACY AND
POLITICAL
MARRIAGES.

BUT DURING
THE WINTER,
THEY'RE
BLANKETED
IN SNOW AND
FACE TIMBER
SHORTAGES.

BECAUSE
OF THEIR
GEM MINES,
COYOLLES
IS A VERY
WEALTHY
COUNTRY.



FIVE
YEARS
FROM
NOW...

COYOLLES,
ALONG WITH
MANY OTHER
COUNTRIES,
WILL TURN
AGAINST
GALKHEIN...

AND
WILL BE
DEFEATED
AND
INVADED.

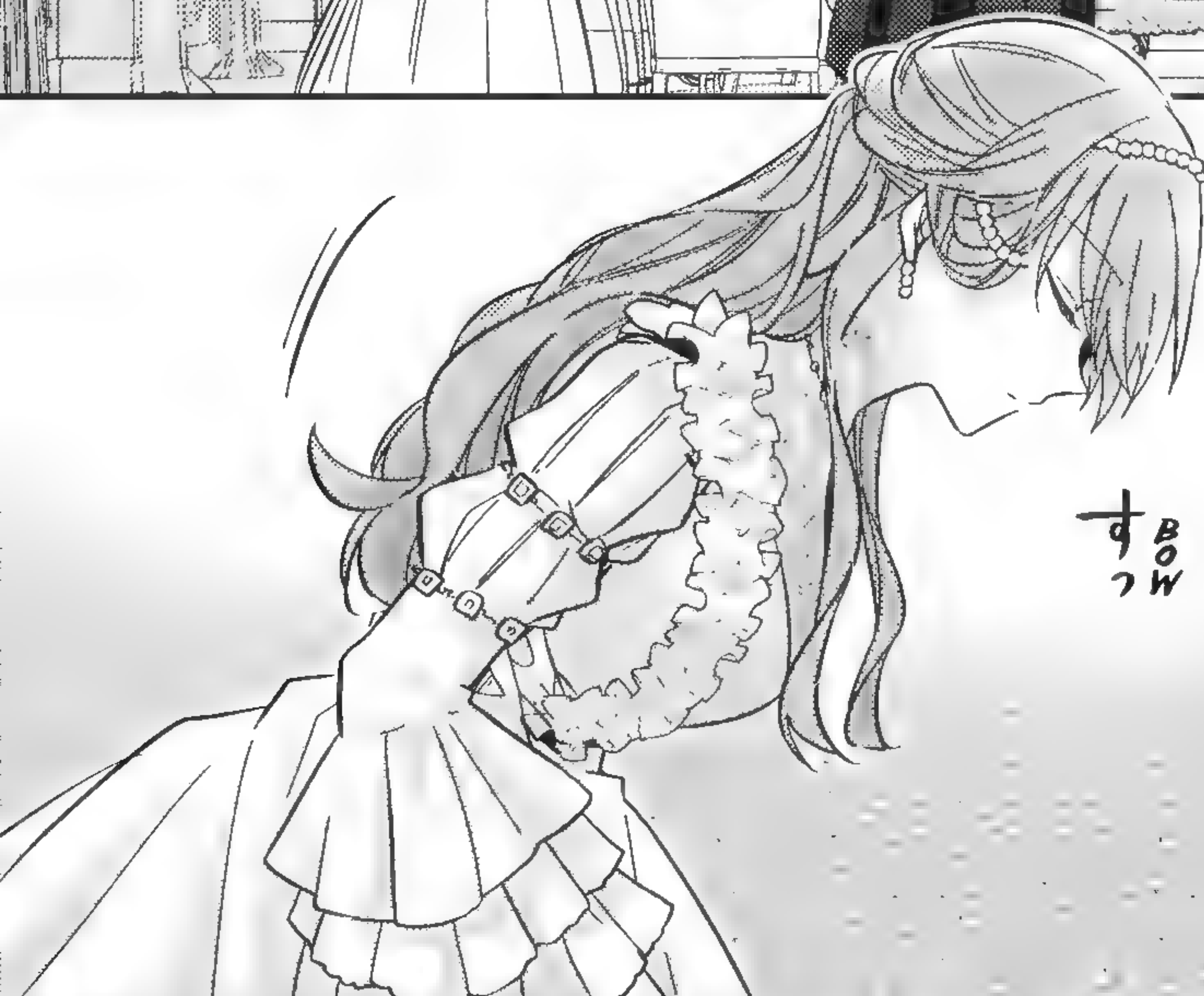
HE'S
USUALLY
SMARTER
THAN THIS.

GALKHEIN LIES
DIRECTLY ACROSS
THE OCEAN. IT'S
A TERRIBLE IDEA
FOR COYOLLES
TO TURN AGAINST
THEM.



PRINCE KYLE
MORGAN
CLEVERLY OF
COYOLLES HAS
ARRIVED.

The next day.
Main castle,
reception



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PRINCE KYLE'S
FRAILTY IS A
PROBLEM FOR
COYOLLES.

CLACK
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CLACK
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CLACK
コッ



SO WHY DID
HE PUSH
HIMSELF TO
MAKE THE
ARDUOUS
JOURNEY
HERE?



CLACK
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CONGRATU-
LATIONS
ON YOUR
ENGAGE-
MENT,
PRINCE
ARNOLD.

THE CROWN
PRINCE AND
THE ELDEST
PRINCE...

I, KYLE
MORGAN
CLEVERLY...

AM HERE TO
CONGRATU-
LATE YOU ON
BEHALF OF
MY FATHER,
THE KING OF
COYOLLES.

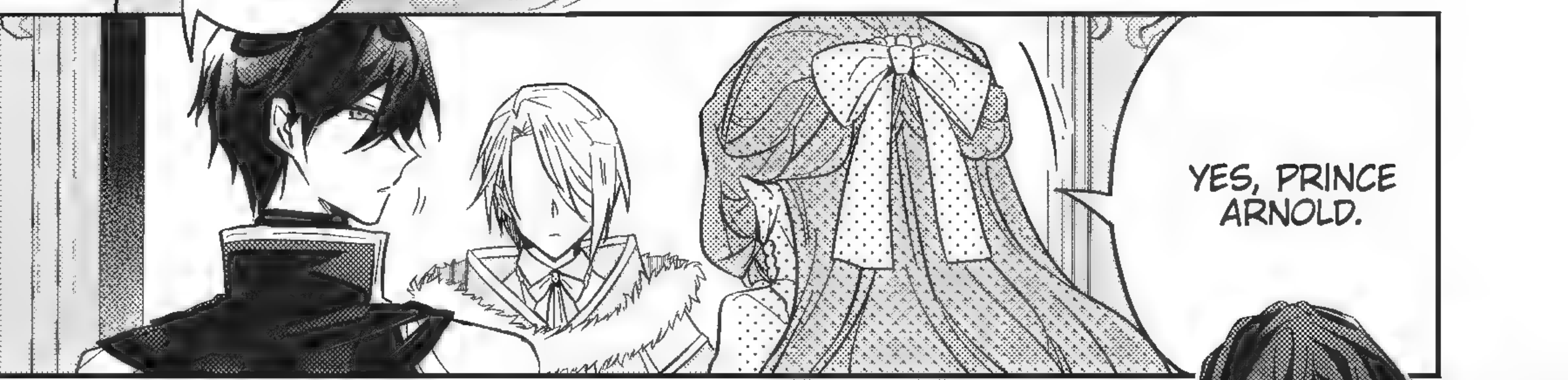
I WOULD
LIKE TO
THANK YOU
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART
FOR
TRAVELING
ALL THIS
WAY.

YOUR
BLESSING
WILL BE A
BEACON TO
LIGHT OUR
WAY
FORWARD.



RISHE.

THEY'RE
SUPPOSED
TO BE EQUAL
IN RANK, BUT
IT'S OBVI-
OUS WHICH
COUNTRY IS
MIGHTIER.



YES, PRINCE
ARNOLD.



MY NAME
IS RISHE
IRMGARD
WEITZNER.

A
PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU.

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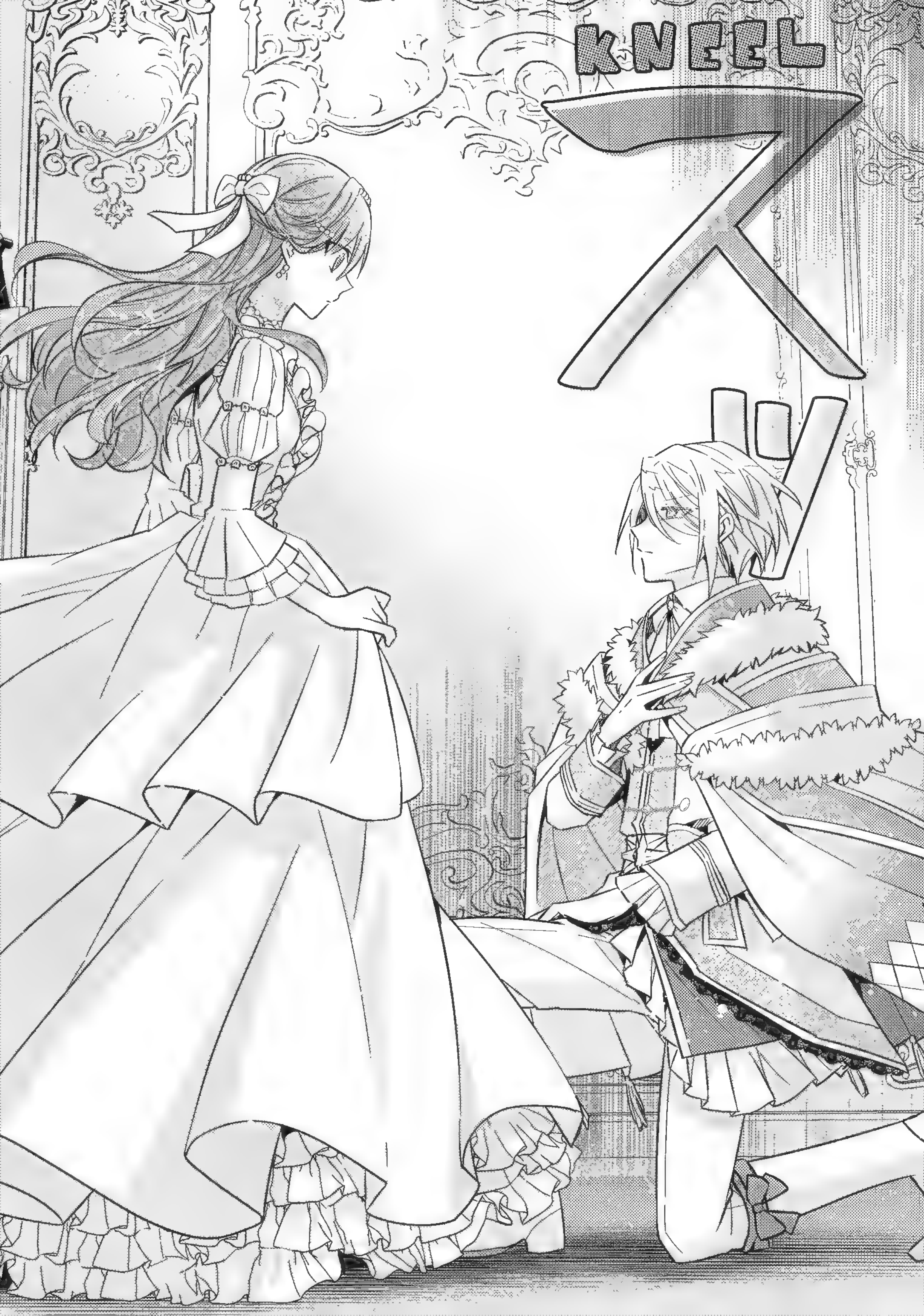
I AM HONORED
TO MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE.



THIS IS
RISHE,
WHO WILL
BECOME MY
CONSORT.

I HOPE
YOU TWO
WILL GET
ALONG
WELL.

KNEEL





YOU ARE AS
RADIANT AS
A GODDESS!



OH, YEAH...

すす
SUAVE

I KNEW THAT
ONE BETROTHED
TO PRINCE
ARNOLD MUST
BE A STUNNING
WOMAN, BUT...

SUAVE
すす

FOR OPENING
MY MOUTH
BEFORE SUCH
A BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN.

すす
SUAVE

MEETING
YOU IS MY
PLEASURE.
I BEG THAT
YOU PARDON
MY IMPERTI-
NENCE...

AH!

SUAVE
すす

I COULDN'T
IMAGINE
THAT YOU'D
BE AS
LOVELY AS
THIS.



A MALE
STRANGER
WILL
ESCORT
HER.

IF A
WOMAN
IS
WALKING
ON A
DIRT
ROAD...

IN COYOLLES, IT
IS THE FASHION
FOR MEN TO
COMPLIMENT
THE WOMEN
AROUND THEM.

THE PRIDE OF
OUR NATION,
ITS GLEAMING
WEALTH, IS NO
MATCH FOR YOUR
SPLENDENT GLOW,
LADY RISHE.



BLUSHHHH

HE HAS A
REPUTATION
FOR BEING SO
EARNEST AND
SINCERE...

HE'S
LIKE
AN ICE
SPIRIT.

THAT YOU
ALMOST
TAKE HIM
SERIOUSLY.

FIDGET

FIDGET

I'M UN-
WORTHY
OF SUCH
PRAISE.



FLASH

BUT NEVER
MIND THAT!





HUH?!



...



POKE
?

PRINCE
ARNOLD...

WAS THE
REASON FOR
HIS VISIT
HIDDEN IN
OUR CON-
VERSATION?

SUCH A
COLD GAZE!

THANK YOU.

PLEASE TREAT THIS CASTLE AS YOUR OWN.

LET'S MOVE ON FROM THE INTRODUCTIONS, THEN.

THE MEETING ONLY LASTED FOR A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT...



huh
sigh...

YES...

BUT I DIDN'T DISCOVER THE REASON FOR PRINCE KYLE'S VISIT.



The background of the entire page is a light gray with several faint, out-of-focus clock faces floating at various angles and positions. These clocks vary in size and clarity, creating a sense of depth and time passing.

7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
Married to Her Worst Enemy!



I WANT TO
KNOW WHY
PRINCE KYLE
CAME TO THIS
COUNTRY,
BUT...

I'M ALSO
CONCERNED
ABOUT HIS
HEALTH.

I'M
SURPRISED
AT HOW
POOR HIS
CONDITION IS...



HE'S PALE,
AND HIS
CHEEKS ARE
SUNKEN.

I FIRST
MET
PRINCE
KYLE...

*Ah ha
ha ha!*

I expected rain but not a downpour like this.

*DURING MY
MERCHANT LIFE.*



Your hair
and dress are
messy from
protecting our
merchandise.

You
should've
stayed
behind with
everyone
else.



Oh, don't worry about that, Mr. Tully!

More importantly, what do you think of selling summery raincoats to the people of Coyolles?!

That's a good idea, but what about your own clothes?

SUCH A MESS...

I can just dry off!

SOME-THING THINNER AND LIGHTER THAN THEIR SNOW COATS...!



Loyal customers?

It's nice to see you, Tully.

TMP
FWIP
FWIP



Ha ha! I'm impressed you had the guts to follow me all this way, rookie.

Our loyal customers here love merchants like that.



I apologize
for making
you hurry
in this
weather.

It's been
far too
long, Prince
Kyle.

Please
excuse our
unkempt
appear-
ance.



It was
my father,
the king,
who wanted
you here so
fast.

Who
is this
woman?

Prince...?!



A member
of the royal
family came
to greet a
common
merchant?

It is an
honor to
meet you.

I am his
subordinate,
Rishe Irmgard
Weitzner.

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DRIP





PRINCE KYLE
HOLDS PEOPLE
FROM ALL
STATIONS OF
LIFE IN HIGH
REGARD.

I offer
you my
respect and
gratitude.



WHETHER
THEY BE
MAID OR
KNIGHT...

OLD OR YOUNG,
HE NEVER
TREATS THEM
AS LESSER
THAN.

BUT HIS
CONDITION
ONLY
WORSENERD...



THAT'S HOW
HE TRIES TO
FULFILL HIS
NOBLE DUTY.

HE KNEELS
AND LISTENS
TO THEM AS
AN EQUAL.



I am
not in-
terested
in the
throne.

It
has no
meaning
to me.

How-
ever...

AND MADE
THE SECOND-
BORN PRINCE,
AGED FIVE, THE
NEW HEIR TO
THE THRONE.

FIVE YEARS
LATER,
COYOLLES
DISINHERITED
THE ELDEST
PRINCE
KYLE...

AT THIS RATE,
HE WON'T
EVEN BE ABLE
TO LEAVE HIS
BED.

I am
afraid that
I won't
be able to
repay the
people...

who
respected
me as their
prince.

BUT...



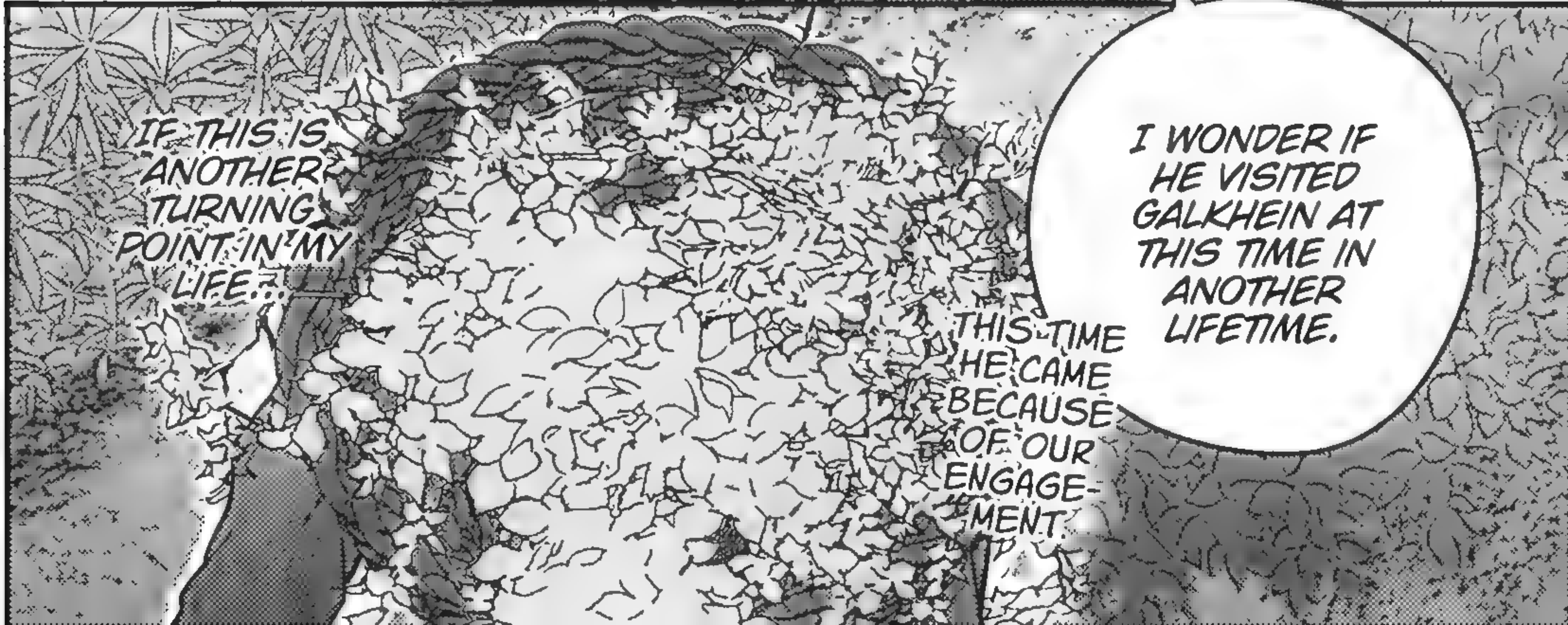
CAN CURE HIS
SICKNESS.

THE MEDICINE
MY TEACHER
AND I CREATED
IN MY SECOND
LIFE AS AN
APOTHECARY...



I'VE BEEN
MAKING
PREPARATIONS
SO I CAN
OFFER PRINCE
KYLE THIS
MEDICINE
WHEN THE TIME
COMES.

I DIDN'T
EXPECT
TO DO SO
BEFORE
THE WED-
DING.



IF THIS IS
ANOTHER
TURNING
POINT IN MY
LIFE...

THIS TIME
HE CAME
BECAUSE
OF OUR
ENGAGE-
MENT.

I WONDER IF
HE VISITED
GALKHEIN AT
THIS TIME IN
ANOTHER
LIFETIME.



THAT MEANS
THAT THE
WORLD IS
CHANGING,
BIT BY BIT.

THIS
MAKES ME
HOPEFUL.



CHILLING.

I ALSO
WANT TO
SLACK OFF
AS SOON
AS I CAN.

I WANT TO
CHANGE THE
FUTURE SO
THAT I CAN
LIVE FOR EVEN
A SECOND
LONGER.

SOME-
THING IS
CHANGING.



THE
SCHOLARS
OF COYOLLES
ARE STAYING
IN THAT
TOWER.

THAT
TOWER IS
USUALLY
DARK...

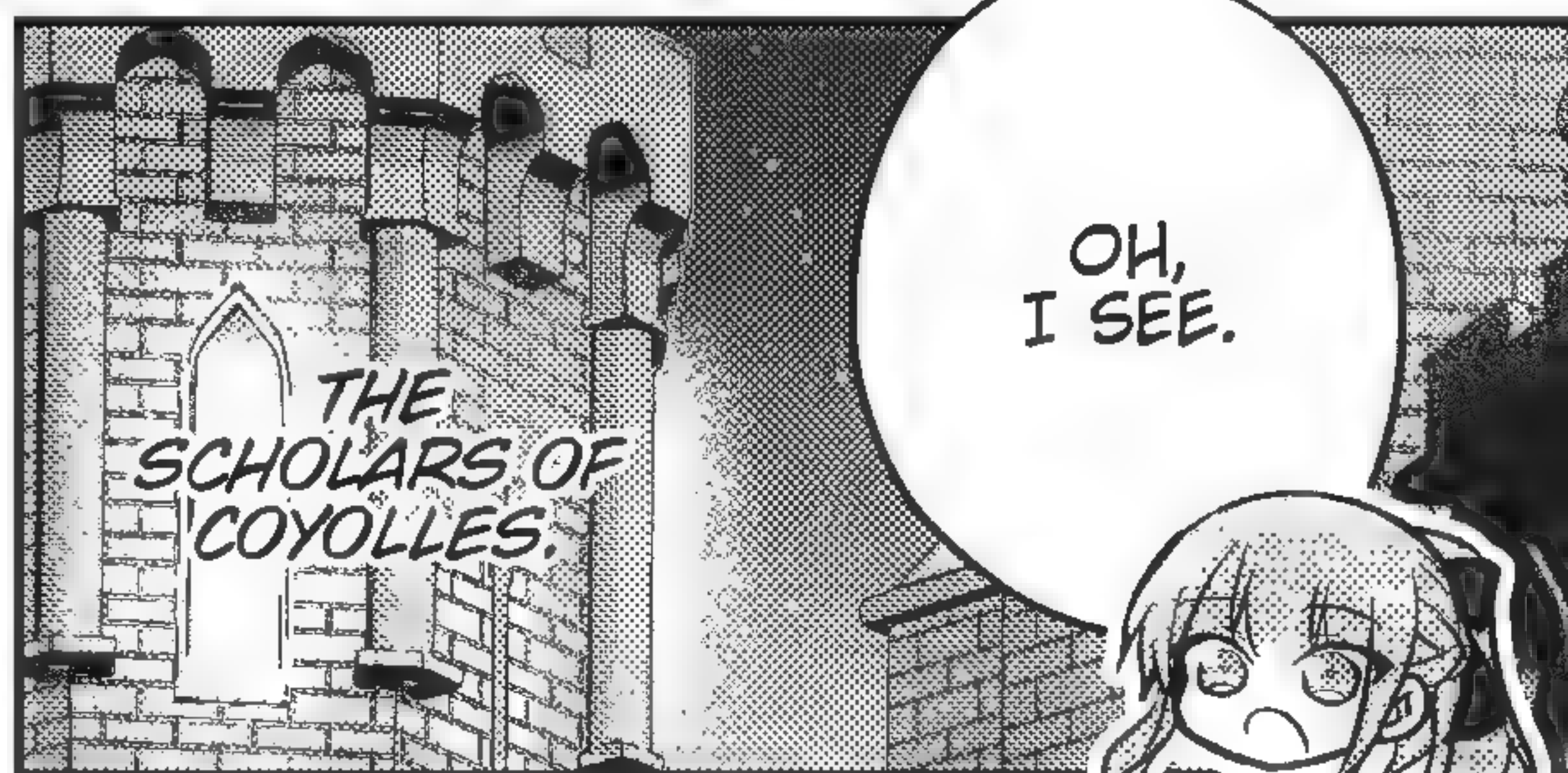


WHAT
A NICE
BREEZE.
FIREFLY
SEASON
MUST BE
SOON.



I WOULD
HAVE LOVED
TO DISCUSS
SO MANY
THINGS WITH
THEM.

I DON'T
THINK MY
TEACHER
WILL BE
THERE THIS
TIME, BUT...



THE
SCHOLARS OF
COYOLLES.

OH,
I SEE.



I WONDER
IF GIDEON
IS THERE.

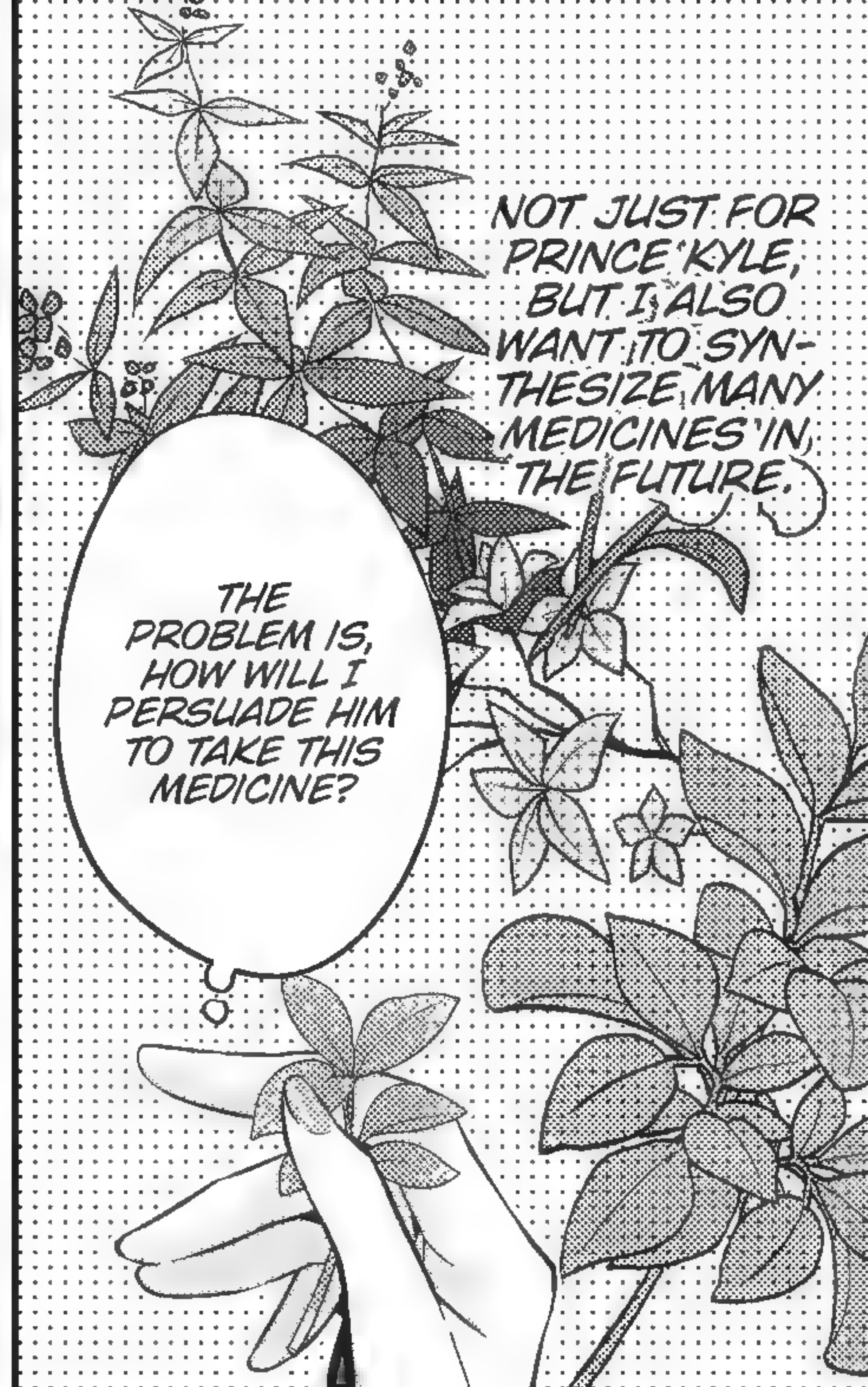
MY TEACHER
IS PROBABLY
TRAVELING IN
SEARCH OF
MEDICAL
LITERATURE
NOW.

MAYBE
GREG STAYED
IN COYOLLES
BECAUSE
HE DISLIKES
BOATS.



THEY MIGHT
ASSUME
IT'S POISON
BECAUSE OF
ITS BITTER
TASTE.

MAYBE I
CAN CON-
VINCE THE
SCHOLARS.



THE
PROBLEM IS,
HOW WILL I
PERSUADE HIM
TO TAKE THIS
MEDICINE?

NOT JUST FOR
PRINCE KYLE,
BUT I ALSO
WANT TO SYN-
THESIZE MANY
MEDICINES IN
THE FUTURE.



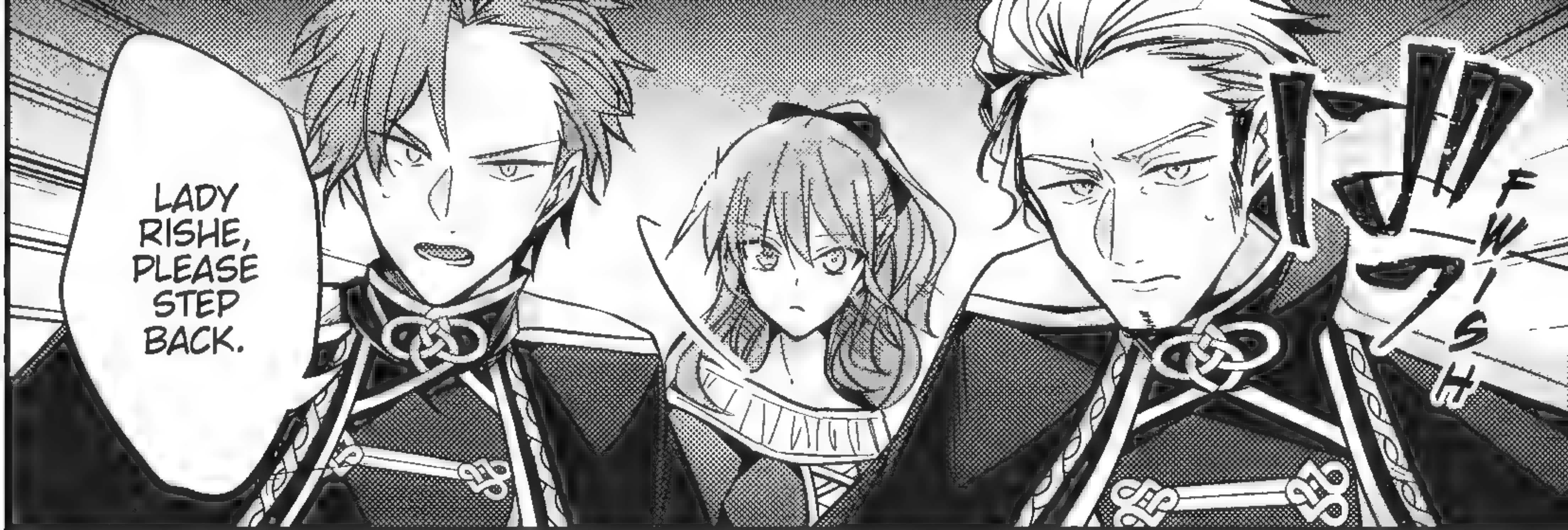
MAYBE I
SHOULD MIX
IT INTO HIS
FOOD...

IT'LL TAKE A
YEAR AND A
HALF TO GO INTO
REMISSION, SO
I WANT HIM TO
START TAKING
THE MEDICINE
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

In my non-apothecary lives,
I just wrote to my old teacher,
who followed my written
instructions to create and
administer the medicine.

THE LETTERS
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN DUBI-
OUS, BUT MY
TEACHER
JUMPED AT
ANY OPPOR-
TUNITY TO
EXPERIMENT.

TH
BUSTLE



LADY
RISHE,
PLEASE
STEP
BACK.



YOU
SURPRISED
ME.



I ASSUMED
THAT THE PERSON
CARING FOR THIS
GARDEN WOULD
BE SOMEONE
LIKE ME.

I DIDN'T
EXPECT
ROYALTY
FLANKED
BY TWO
GUARDS.

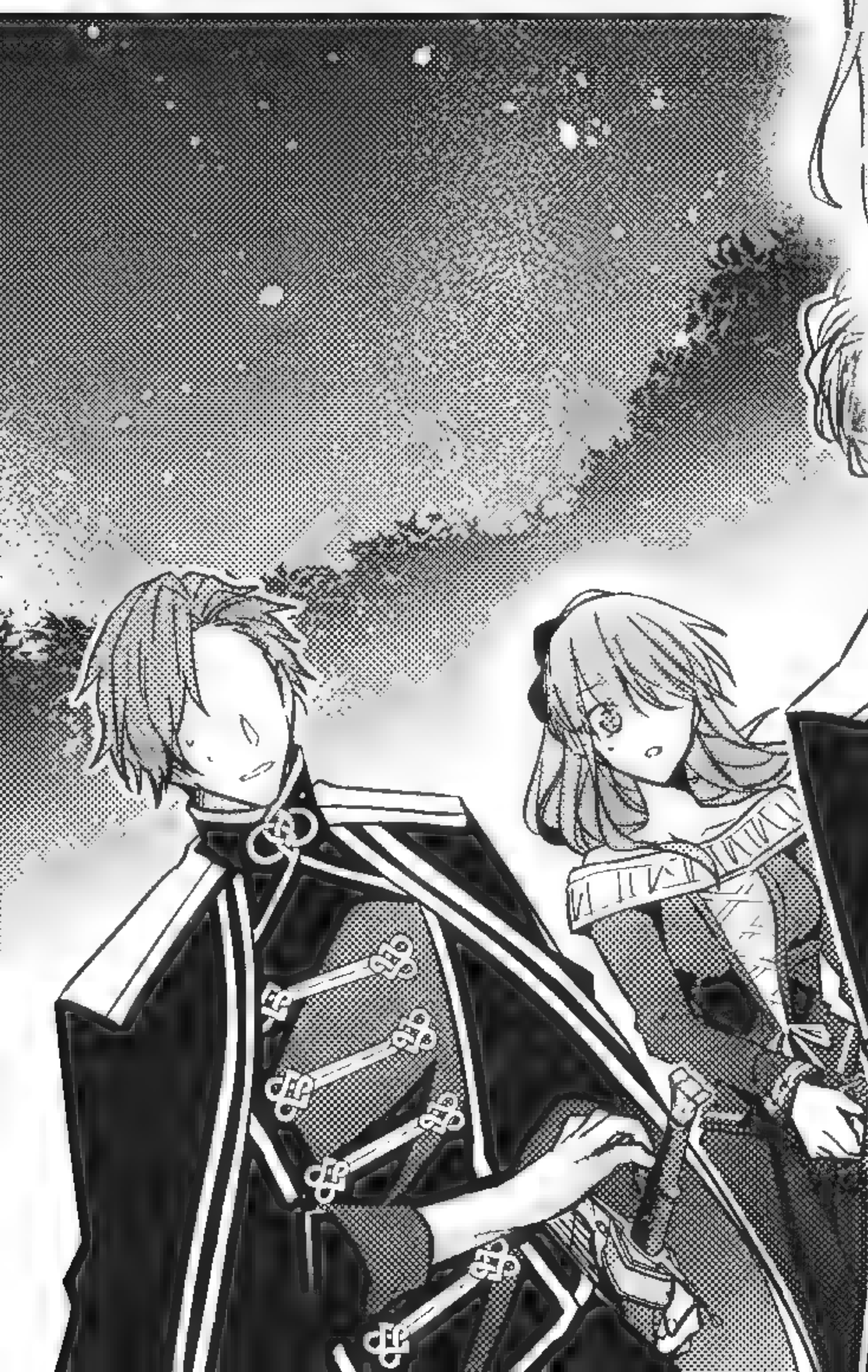


You must really dislike this elixir, Rishe.



WHY?

THIS PERSON SHOULDN'T BE WITH PRINCE KYLE AT THIS TIME...



STEP

GOOD EVENING, SOMEONE LIKE ME.

STEP



WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO USE
THOSE
HERBS
FOR?

TEACHER?

STEPS



OH! I'M
SORRY FOR
SURPRIS-
ING YOU.



I CAN SEE
THAT YOU ARE
OUR GUEST,
BUT COULD I
HAVE YOUR
NAME?



THAT IS
KIND OF YOU,
BUT I'M
NOT LOST.

IF YOU'RE
LOST, WE
CAN GUIDE
YOU BACK TO
YOUR TOWER.



BO
W

I AM
MICHEL
HÉVIN.

I AM FROM
COYOLLES.



I HAVE
TAKEN AN
INTEREST IN
THAT GIRL
AND I WISH
TO SPEAK
WITH HER.

SMILE



ARE YOU A
SCHOLAR, MR.
HÉVIN?

I AM RISHE
IRMGARD
WEITZNER.

I THINK
THAT TITLE
WOULD BE
THE MOST
SUITABLE.



UNFORTU-
NATELY, THIS
WOMAN IS
OUR COUN-
TRY'S...

THANKS.

IT'S
OKAY,
YOU
TWO.

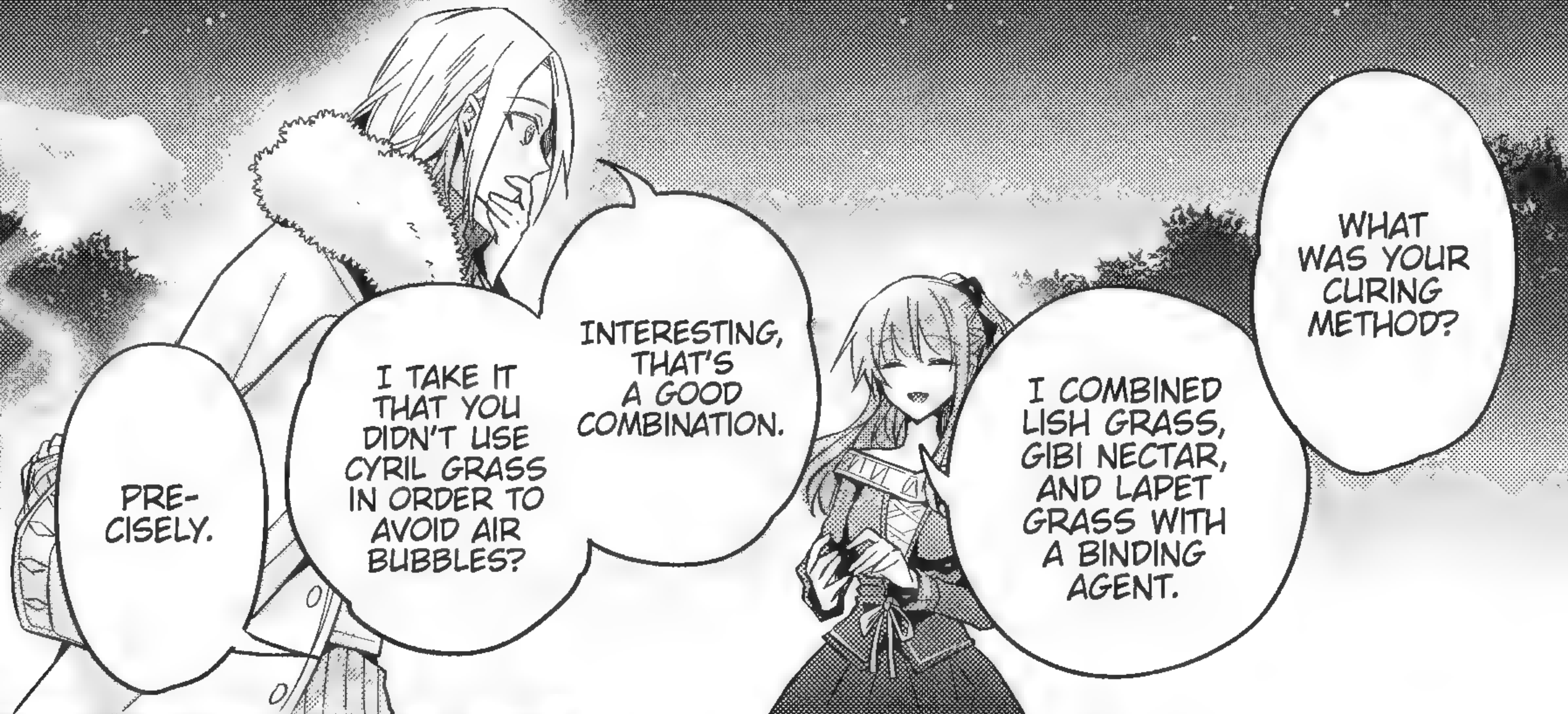


THOSE
NAILS...

HE DEDUCED
ALL OF THAT
WITH A MERE
GLANCE.

SEEMS TO
ME THAT
YOU'VE USED
A PIGMENT
TO DYE THE
MILKY SAP.

IT
MUST BE
GELWOOD
SAP.



PRE-
CISELY.

I TAKE IT
THAT YOU
DIDN'T USE
CYRIL GRASS
IN ORDER TO
AVOID AIR
BUBBLES?

INTERESTING,
THAT'S
A GOOD
COMBINATION.

I COMBINED
LISH GRASS,
GIBI NECTAR,
AND LAPET
GRASS WITH
A BINDING
AGENT.

WHAT
WAS YOUR
CURING
METHOD?



BUT
WITHOUT
TESTING, WE
CAN'T BE
SURE.

THAT
MIGHT
RESULT
IN A
STRONGER
FINISH.

WHAT IF
YOU ALSO
USED
ESTOMA
SAP?



IF I
COULD HAVE
ANYTHING, I'D
WANT YOU TO
BECOME MY
PUPIL.

Heh!

YOU'RE A
GOOD KID.

YOU CAN
BUILD AND APPLY
THEORIES, AND
YOU VALUE
TESTING AND
EXPERIMENTATION.





SHIVER

TRYING TO DRUG KYLE?



ABOUT THAT...

I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

THIS IS ACTUALLY THE PERFECT TIMING...

COUGH COUGH

NOW THAT I'VE MET HIM...

DRUG?

ざわ... MUTTER

ざわ... MUTTER



I'VE GOT TO
HAVE HIM
HELP PRINCE
KYLE.



I DID NOT
EXPECT TO
BE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO
SEE YOU
TWICE IN ONE
DAY...

THANK YOU
FOR THE
AMAZING
NIGHT, LADY
RISHE.



MICHEL,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?



PLEASE
DON'T
WORRY,
JUST SPEAK
YOUR MIND.

I DIDN'T
THINK WE
WERE
GOING TO
VISIT PRINCE
KYLE RIGHT
AWAY.

IF
YOU SAY
SO...



OH,
IS THAT
SO?

WATCH
YOUR
WORDS.

SHE'S THE
FIANCÉE OF
GALKHEIN'S
CROWN
PRINCE.

I MET AN
AMAZING KID IN
THE COURTYARD,
AND I WANTED
TO INTRODUCE
HER TO YOU.



THAT'S
OKAY,
RIGHT?

SHE JUST
BECAME MY
STUDENT.



LADY
RISHE
DID?



I SUSPECT
THAT THE
MEDICINE SHE
MADE MIGHT
WORK FOR
YOU.

IT SEEMS
THAT SHE IS
FAMILIAR WITH
HERBALISM.

.....?

I'M
SORRY...



YES.

I THOUGHT
THAT IT MAY
HELP YOUR
SYMPTOMS.

SHE USED
HERBS I
AM NOT AN
EXPERT ON,
BUT I'M
FAMILIAR
WITH THEIR
EFFECTS.

SHE
STUDIED UNDER
A MASTER
APOTHECARY
FROM RENHUA,
THE HERBALISM
CAPITAL.

I THINK
I WOULD
GET ALONG
WITH THAT
MASTER.

THE MEDICINE
DOES SEEM
LIKE IT COULD
BE EFFECTIVE
WITHOUT TOO
MANY SIDE
EFFECTS.

IT MIGHT
MAKE YOU
DROWSY,
THOUGH.

...



OH? WAS
THAT A
POOR
CHOICE OF
WORDS?

WELL...



TEACHER,
YOU CAN'T
TREAT A
PRINCE LIKE
A GUINEA
PIG!

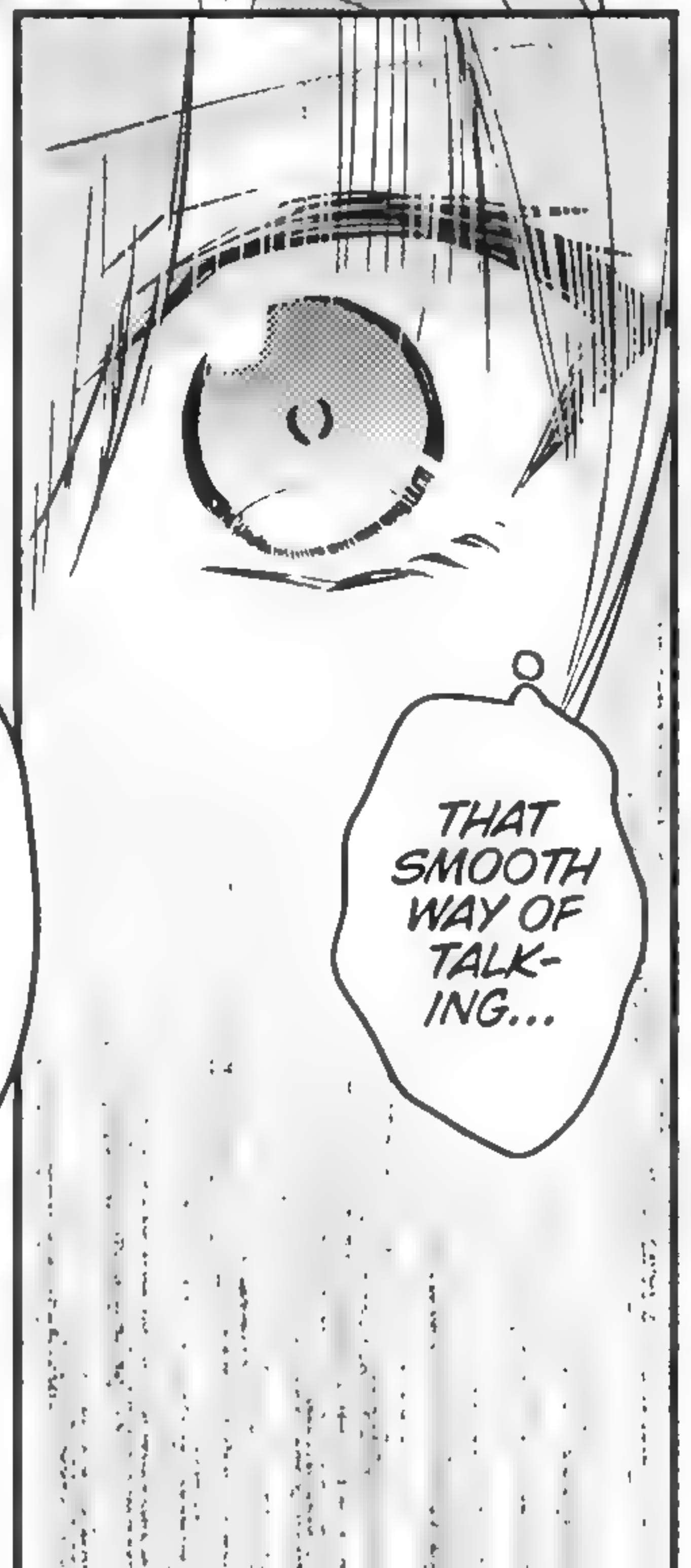
I WANT YOU
TO BE MY
GUINEA PIG.



PRINCE KYLE
IS SERIOUS
AND SINCERE.

I AM
READY TO DO
ANYTHING.

I AM
TROUBLING
OTHERS
WITH MY
SICKNESS.



THAT
SMOOTH
WAY OF
TALK-
ING...



ARE YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?

I'M GLAD, BUT THAT WORRIES ME.

ONE OF MY BEST SCHOLARS SUGGESTED THAT I TRY THIS MEDICINE.



I WILL UNDERGO ANY TRIAL TO OVERCOME MY ILLNESS.

I KNEW IT...



SO YOUR CONDITION HAS WORSENERD FROM THE MOTION SICKNESS CAUSED BY YOUR JOURNEY OVER LAND AND SEA?

SHINE

SHINE

IF IT'S MEDICINE MADE BY SOMEONE THIS CLOSE TO BEING A GODDESS, THEN IT MUST BE EFFECTIVE.

...



SELF-DISCIPLINE
ISN'T ABOUT
BEING HARD
ON YOURSELF,
IT'S ABOUT
BEING KIND TO
YOURSELF.



I'M
ASHAMED
AT MY
LACK OF
SELF-
DISCIPLINE.

I MUST BE
HARDER ON
MYSELF.



AND EAT
SOMETHING
NUTRITIOUS.

YOU
SHOULD
FIRST TAKE
A BATH...

EXERCISE AS
YOU WANT
AND LAUGH
A LOT.

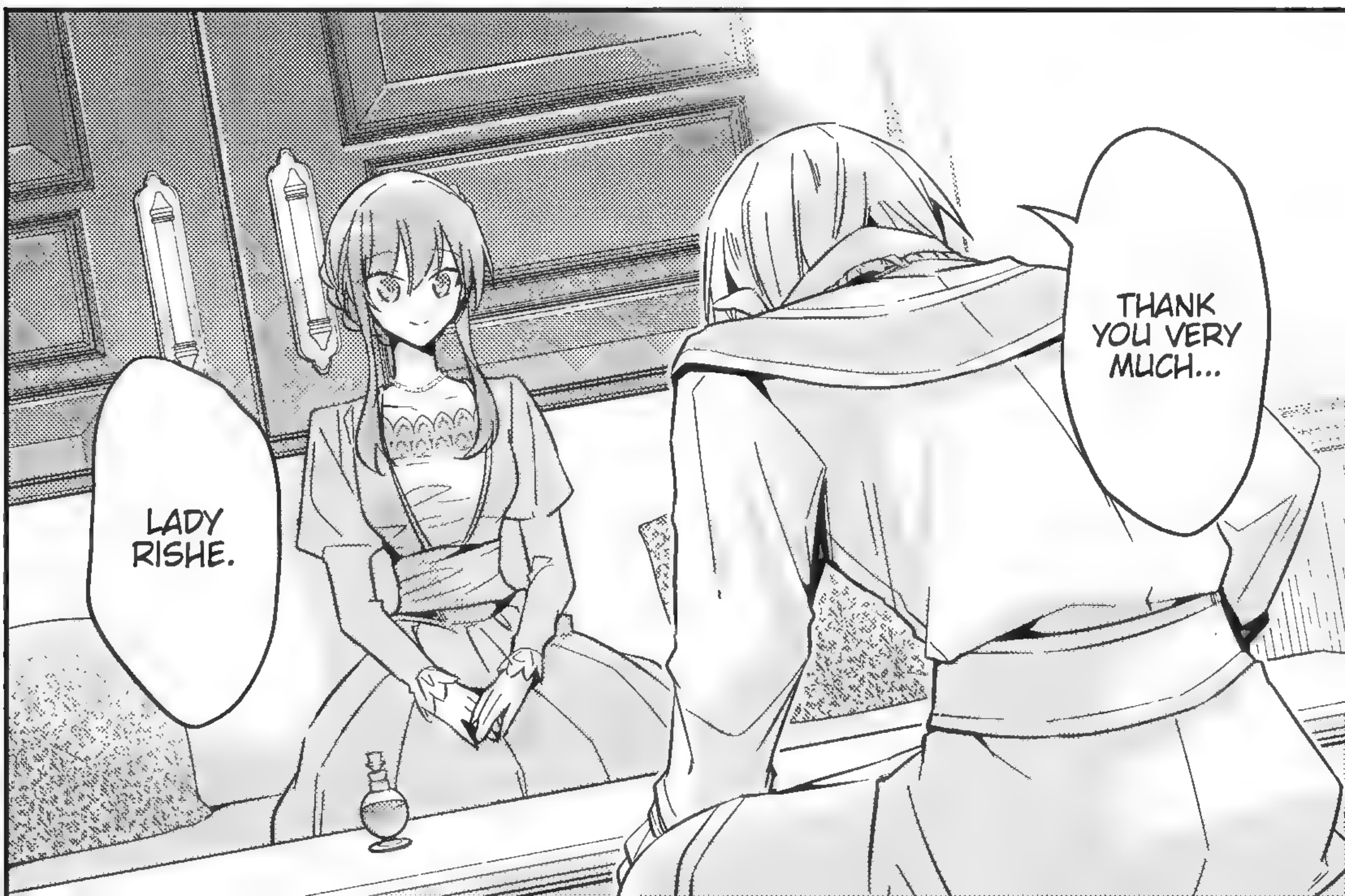
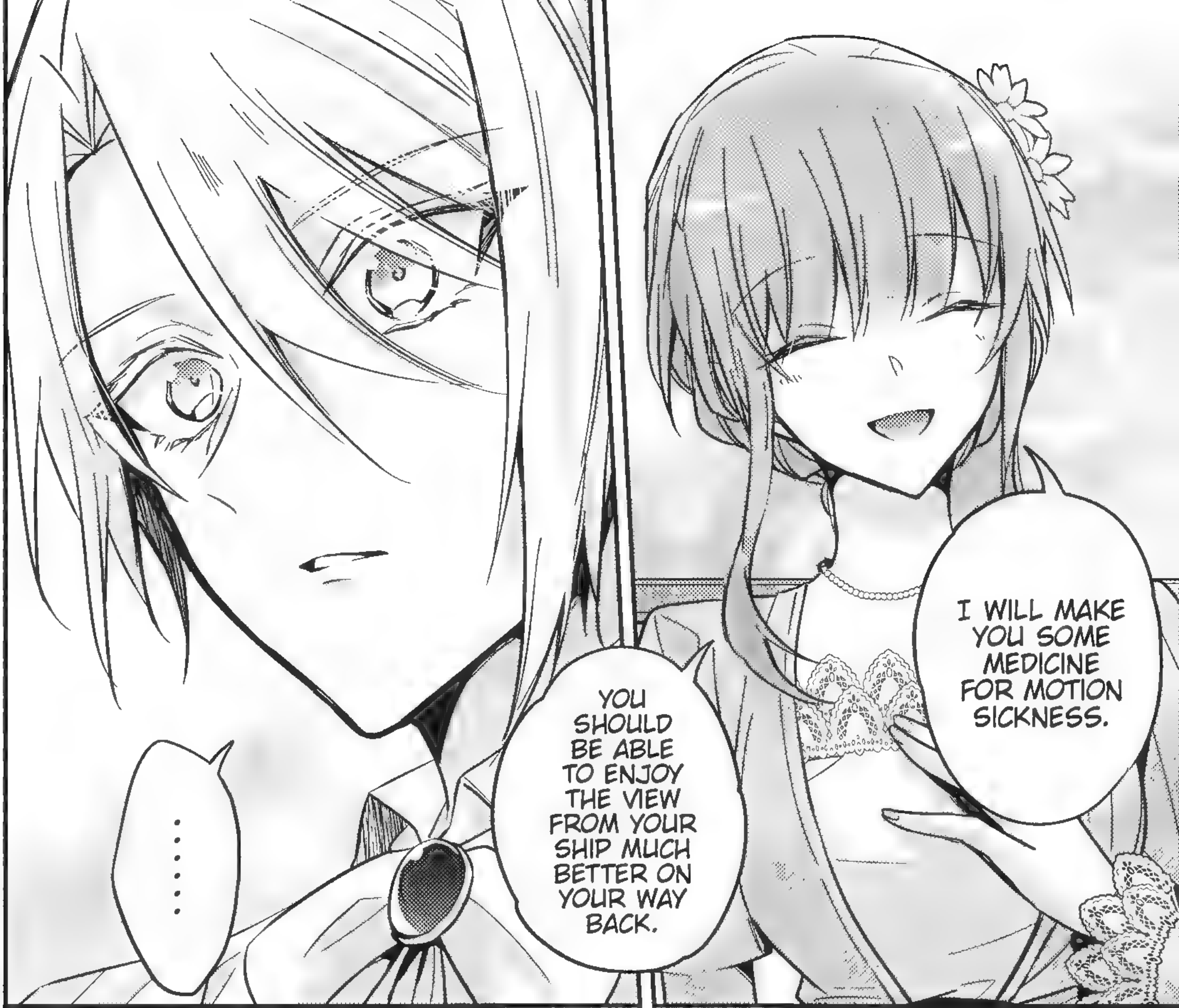
SPEND TIME
DOING THE
THINGS YOU
LOVE.



YOU HAVE
TO ENJOY
YOUR LIFE IF
YOU WANT
TO BECOME
HEALTHY.



ENJOY MY
LIFE...







"YOU MUST
REALLY
DISLIKE THIS
ELIXIR."



Man-made
things must
be used
correctly...

but no one
can decide
what is
correct.

MY TEACHER
AND I...

Teach-
er...

IF I
used this
medicine
I made,
I could
easily
destroy
the
world.



I wonder if
that's really
wrong.

WERE NEVER
ABLE TO
AGREE WITH
EACH OTHER
ABOUT THIS
ELIXIR.

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DOES PRINCE
ARNOLD HAVE
NO SENSE OF
TASTE?

INTERLUDE

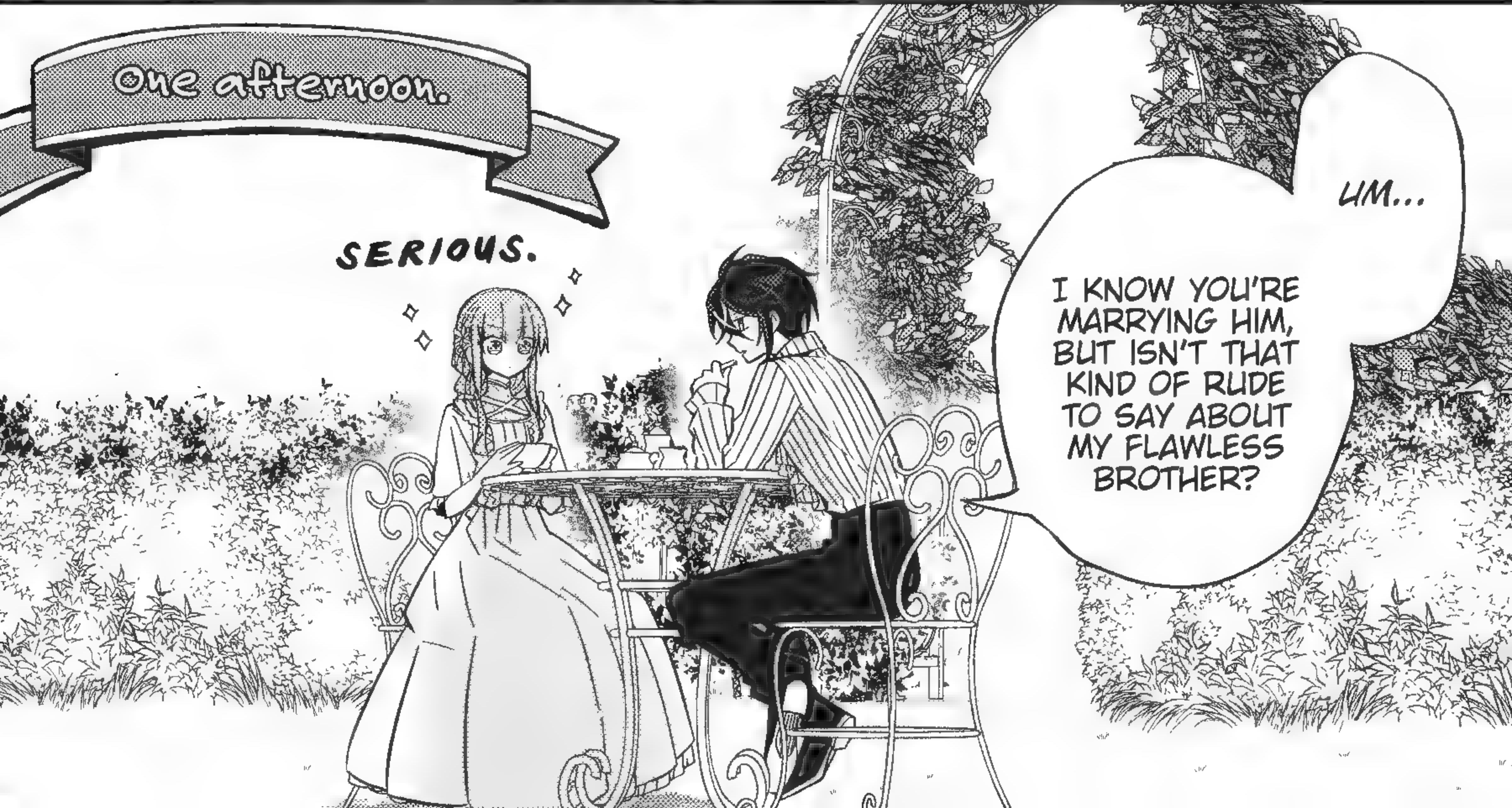
.....
Likes and Dislikes



.....

One afternoon.

SERIOUS.



UM...

I KNOW YOU'RE
MARRYING HIM,
BUT ISN'T THAT
KIND OF RUDE
TO SAY ABOUT
MY FLAWLESS
BROTHER?



HEH HEH!
HEH!

TRUE.
THERE IS NO
ONE ELSE IN
THIS CASTLE
WHO KNOWS
MY BROTHER
BETTER THAN
I DO.



THERE
WAS AN
INCIDENT
THAT
GAVE ME
PAUSE...

IF ANYONE
SHOULD
KNOW, IT'S
YOU, PRINCE
THEODORE.



HE ATE THE
SAME MEALS AS
THE RANK-AND-
FILE KNIGHTS...

IT'S NOT
BECAUSE HE
LACKS A SENSE
OF TASTE, BUT
BECAUSE OF HIS
EXPERIENCE ON
THE BATTLEFIELD.

MY BROTHER
WILL EAT
ANYTHING.



ISN'T
THAT
AMAZING?!

I SEE.

HE'S NOT
PICKY, AND
HE EATS
A LOT.

SO
HE NEVER
COMPLAINS
ABOUT FOOD.



DID YOU
LEARN
SOMETHING
NEW ABOUT
MY
BROTHER?

WHAT MADE
YOU ASK?

IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
NEW, BUT...



THAT'S
HARD...

I CAN'T
STAND SWEET
VEGETABLES, BIT-
TER VEGETABLES,
ANY FISH OTHER
THAN WHITE FISH,
AND TOUGH MEAT.

WHAT ABOUT
YOU, PRINCE
THEODORE?

✕ FOR THE COOK,
THAT IS.



ANYWAY...



AH!

I MADE A
STRANGE-
TASTING
DISH...

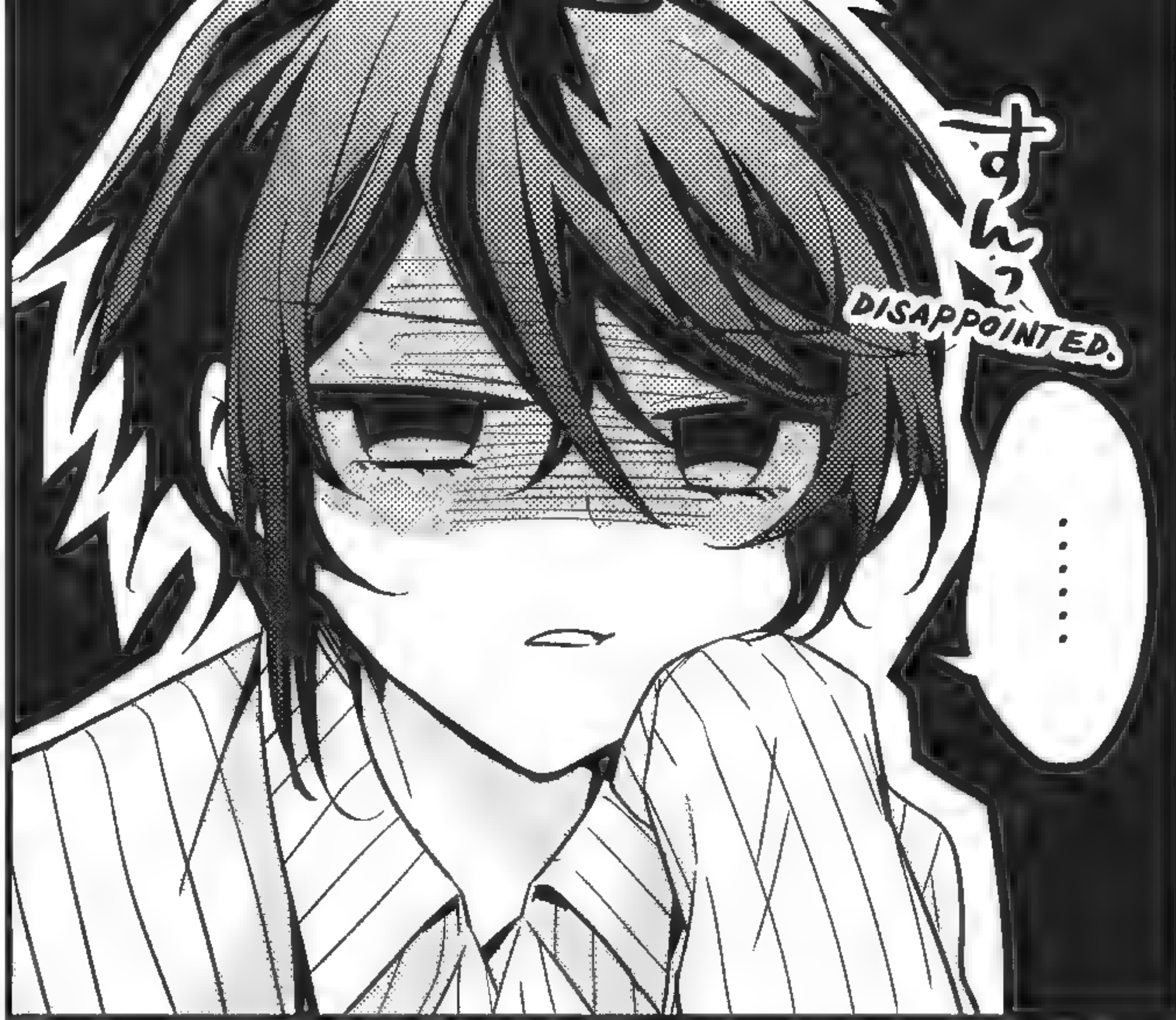




HUH?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I TOOK YOU SERIOUSLY.



すん？
DISAPPOINTED.

...



YOUR INSTINCTS ARE USUALLY CORRECT, YOUR HIGHNESS.

WHATEVER THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT, I HAVE A FEELING IT'S NOTHING GOOD.

YOU'RE LITERALLY JUST BRAGGING ABOUT HIM!



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The Crown Prince and His Fiancée Receive a Scolding after Sneaking Around

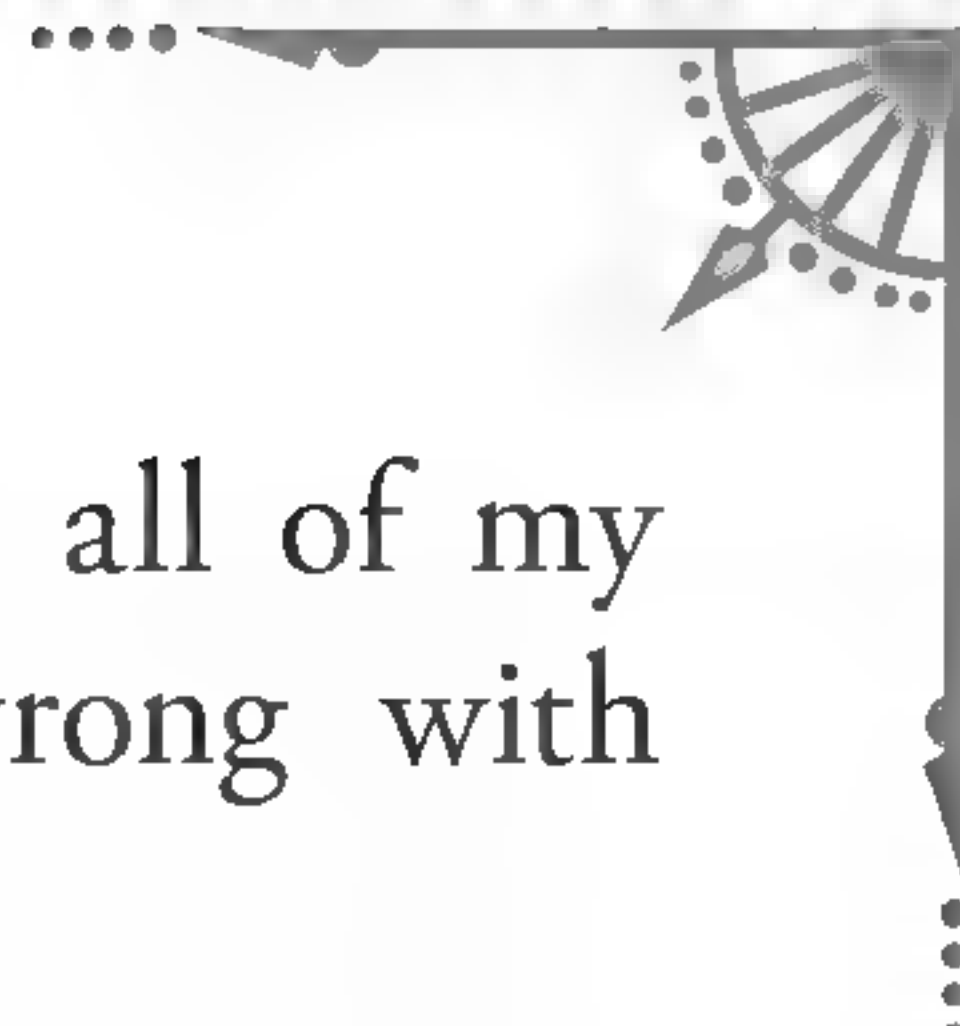
The two returned to the castle after sneaking into town and observing the carriages from Coyolles. Rishe, back in her normal clothes, sat somewhat awkwardly on the couch in Arnold's office, which was being moved from the main castle.

Next to her lounged Arnold. His legs were crossed, and his cheek rested languidly on a hand supported by an elbow on the armrest. If it were anyone else, the pose would have looked arrogant—but Arnold's beauty made it seem almost picturesque.

The man before him, however, seemed entirely unaffected.

"Your highness..." Oliver said with a loud sigh. "I ought to be ashamed of myself for not realizing why you wanted to postpone all of your meetings today. I must say, I was horrified when I realized that not only had you disappeared, but you had gone out into the city the way you did."

We do deserve to be scolded, Rishe thought. Her heart ached for the anguish Oliver had felt.



Arnold, however, looked bored. "I finished all of my work," he replied matter-of-factly. "What's wrong with leaving the castle?"

"That isn't the problem. What would you have done if something had happened to Lady Rishe?"

"I offer my deepest apologies, Oliver." Rishe said. She had been reluctant to interrupt the conversation between master and servant thus far. "I didn't realize that our secret outing was also concealed from you."

"No, no need to apologize, Lady Rishe. Please raise your head."

"Oliver is correct," said the prince. "I'm the one who took you out and Oliver doesn't need an apology anyway."

"B-but as the valet to the crown prince, it's only natural that he couldn't overlook you sneaking out of the castle unescorted!"

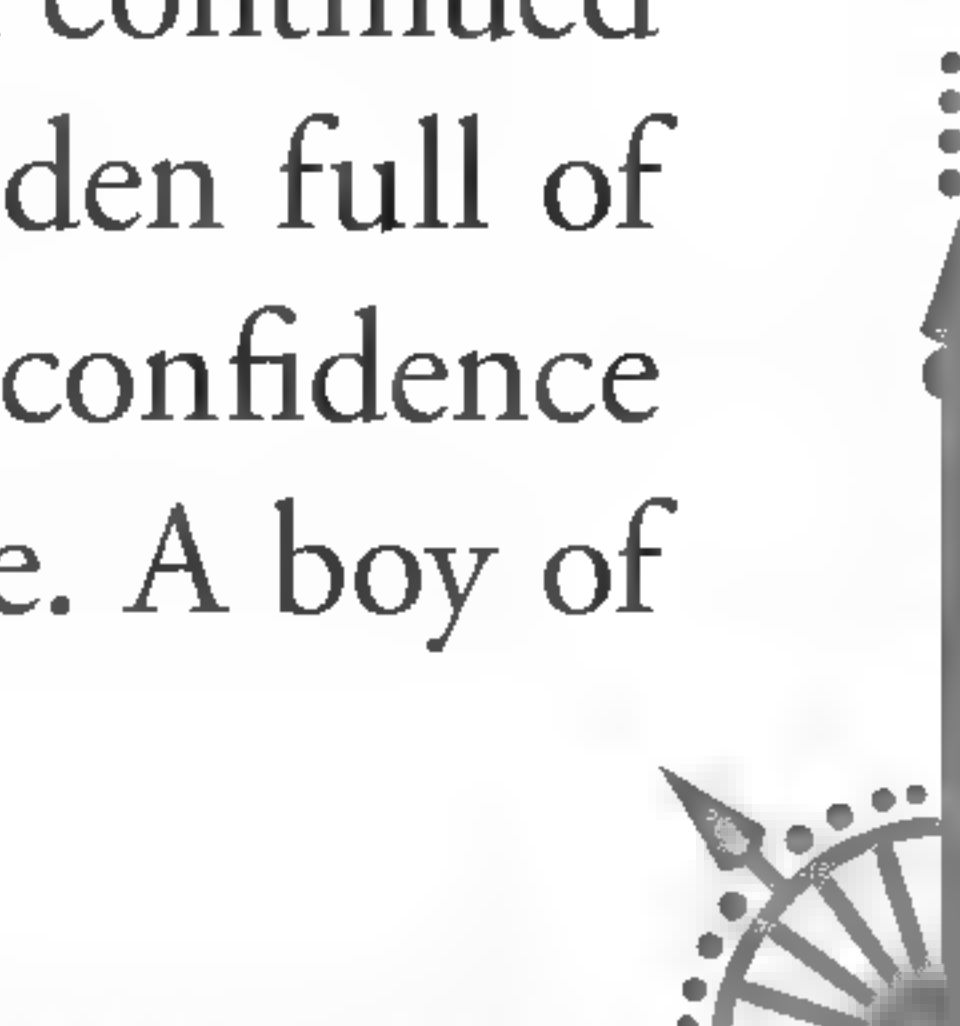
Arnold's ocean-colored eyes regarded Rishe quietly. "Rishe," he said. "Oliver was the one who taught me how to behave when I sneaked out of the castle nearly ten years ago."

"Huh?" Rishe's jaw dropped.

Oliver crossed his arms, looking affronted. "Do try not to tarnish my good name, Your Highness. After all, you say that as if you weren't walking around town on your own before I taught you anything."

"Um...Oliver?"

That was perhaps not the real issue, but Oliver continued his objection. "When I took you to a gambling den full of lowlifes and criminals, you acted with so much confidence that I couldn't believe it was your first time there. A boy of





nine or ten years of age betting large sums of money without hesitation, you were unbelievably conspicuous.”

“You were the one who told me that if I didn’t beat them, we wouldn’t be able to lure out the bookmaker,” Arnold replied. “Otherwise, we could have simply arrested everyone there and finished the job without having to go through all that trouble.”

A young Prince Arnold, about nine years old, and Oliver, in his late teens, in a gambling den—it was quite the image.

From what these two were saying, this bookmaker must have been very dangerous. Rishe involuntarily glanced up and found Oliver grinning at her.

“As a child, his highness traveled around on his own, broadening his horizons,” he remarked casually.

“I’m not sure infiltrating a gambling den falls under ‘broadening his horizons,’” Rishe pointed out emphatically, but Oliver continued to smile, unbothered. Arnold still wore a bored, indifferent expression.

Nevertheless, Rishe thought, it seems like Prince Arnold has been an incredible person since he was a child. It must have been an odd sight: a beautiful young boy walking into a den full of criminals and casually winning so much money that the pit boss was forced to come out.

“So you’ve known about the jewelry store we visited today for a long time, I take it?” she asked.

“That shopkeeper was once a frequent visitor to this castle, but since she only sells jewelry to those she approves of, she stopped coming here.”

“You mean, the royal family?”

Apparently, the old woman really was particular about who she sold to.

Oliver's eyes widened in surprise. "You dropped by Mrs. Michaela's jewelry store today? I didn't expect to meet anyone who would win her approval."

"All I did was tell her about my favorite jewels!" Rishe exclaimed.

It really wasn't as dramatic as Oliver was making it out to be, but Rishe still found herself flustered by his reaction. Arnold, on the other hand, was watching her with amusement.

"The stones you choose to wear are all of high quality. I knew that even if I took you to that store, you would have no problem appraising the authenticity of the jewels there."

Arnold said this with an assurance that startled Rishe. At the same time, his regard for her had her feeling rather embarrassed. Oliver sighed and looked at Arnold as if he had no choice. "If you had told me that today's outing was for Lady Rishe's amulet..." he said.

"If I had told you, you would have fretted at me about the details. By the way, arrange a reward for the maids who helped prepare Rishe, as they went above and beyond their normal duties."

"Yes, your highness. If you will excuse me, I will see to that as soon as possible."

"Thank you, Prince Arnold, Oliver," Rishe said.

Elsie had helped her get ready, and Diana had loaned her the dress. Rishe was sure they'd both be pleased.



After Oliver left the office, Rishe recalled his earlier words. "Prince Arnold, did he say something about an amulet?" she asked, tilting her head.

Arnold's eyes softened. "You will likely need to attend more social functions in the future."

Since coming to Galkhein, Rishe had already attended several soirées. Arnold had told her that she didn't have to go, but she still chose to attend as part of her plan to prevent the war.

"As I have told you before, there are many people who see you merely as a hostage bride. There will be times when you will be unfairly disrespected because of this, and times when you may feel uncomfortable."

"That's..." Rishe began.

"But you have the approval of the proprietor of that store. You can freely ask for jewels that even the emperor cannot obtain."

Rishe's eyes widened as she finally realized what Arnold was trying to say.

"That one fact should be enough to make some people unable to harm you," he concluded.

Arnold fixed his gaze on her, and once again she found herself admiring the beauty of his eyes. They were the crystalline deep blue of the icy cold sea.

"If I'm going to give you a ring, I want it to have that kind of power."

"Prince Arnold..."

This had all been for her.

She'd promised to do whatever Arnold asked of her, but all he did was give. Even his "order" to her ended up being to let him give her the ring, specifically for the purpose of protecting her.

"Thank you..."

For some reason, Rishe couldn't look directly at the beautiful blue of his eyes anymore. Averting her gaze, she lowered her head and blinked. Her heart raced and her cheeks felt like they were on fire.

"It's thanks to you," she continued, "that I came across such a beautiful gem. I have never seen one that beautiful in my life."

"Is that so?"

"I am looking forward to receiving it. It was so lovely, I felt like I wanted to keep looking at it forever... Ah!"

At that moment, she realized that she was indirectly describing Arnold's eyes, and she covered her mouth.

Arnold looked somewhat perplexed.

"Next time we go to town, let's make sure not to worry Oliver," Rishe mumbled.

For some reason, Arnold said nothing and simply sighed. Rishe was curious about his reaction but unable to ask anything further as Oliver chose that exact moment to return to the office.



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Congratulations on the release of the fourth volume of the “7th Loop” manga!!

The Theodore fiasco has been settled, and with that Arnold and Rishe have gotten much closer in the second volume of the original book!

Arnold gets some fresh new looks in this volume, such as during his restrained duel and his undercover visit to town. Kino-sensei also draws the new characters with great charm, and I am so excited about them. Please watch over Rishe as she faces the ordeals of Kyle, Michel, and Arnold in the manga as well!



I'm Hinoki Kino, and I'm in charge of the manga adaptation. Thank you for reading the fourth volume. Prince Kyle and Michel, who were involved in Rishe's past lives, have made an appearance! I really enjoy the contrast between the white attire of the people from the snowy country and the dark attire of Prince Arnold... There are so many more exciting developments awaiting us in the future. I hope you look forward to volume five! And please enjoy the newly written story by Amekawa-sensei! Please enjoy it! Yay!

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A DRESS FOR RISHE
FROM DIANA.

MAYBE
IT'S TOO
MUCH...

SO CUTE...

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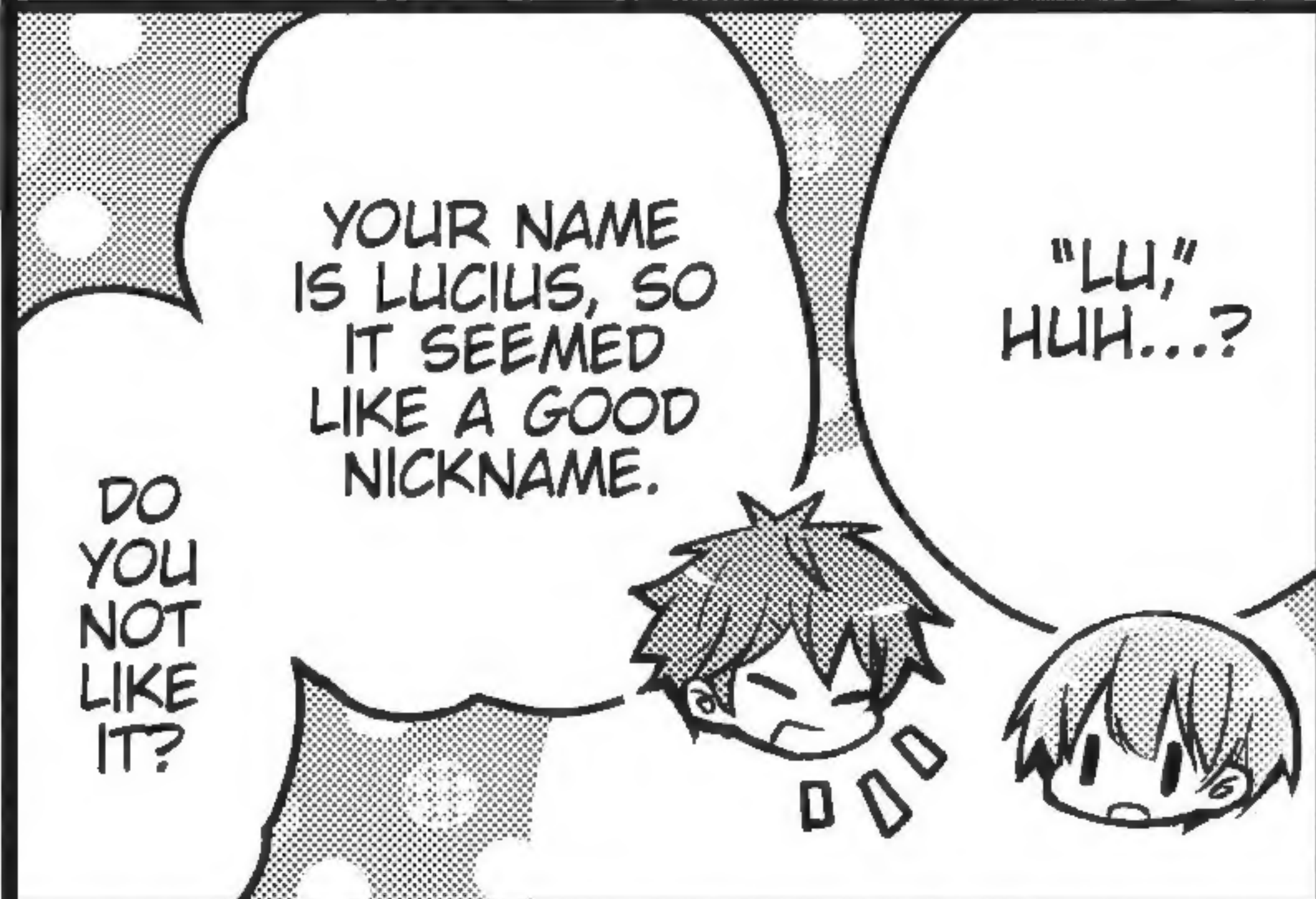
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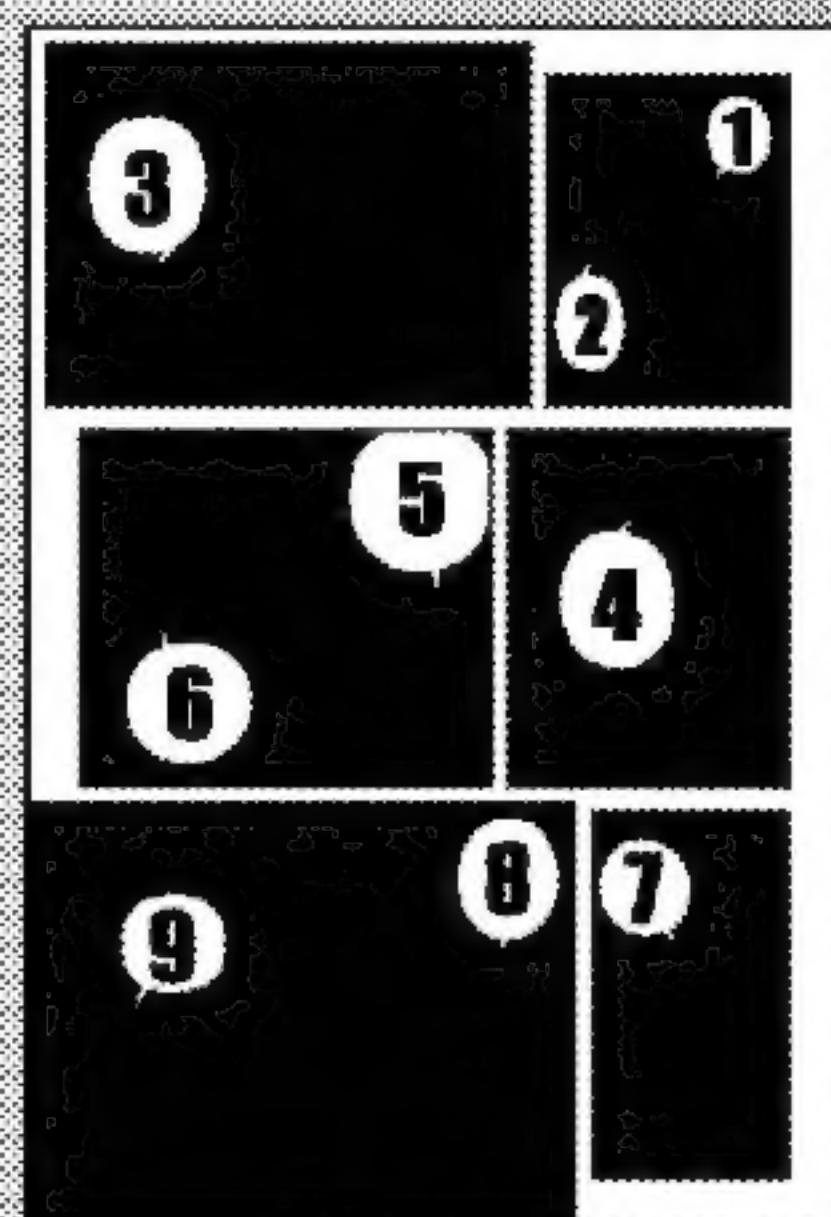
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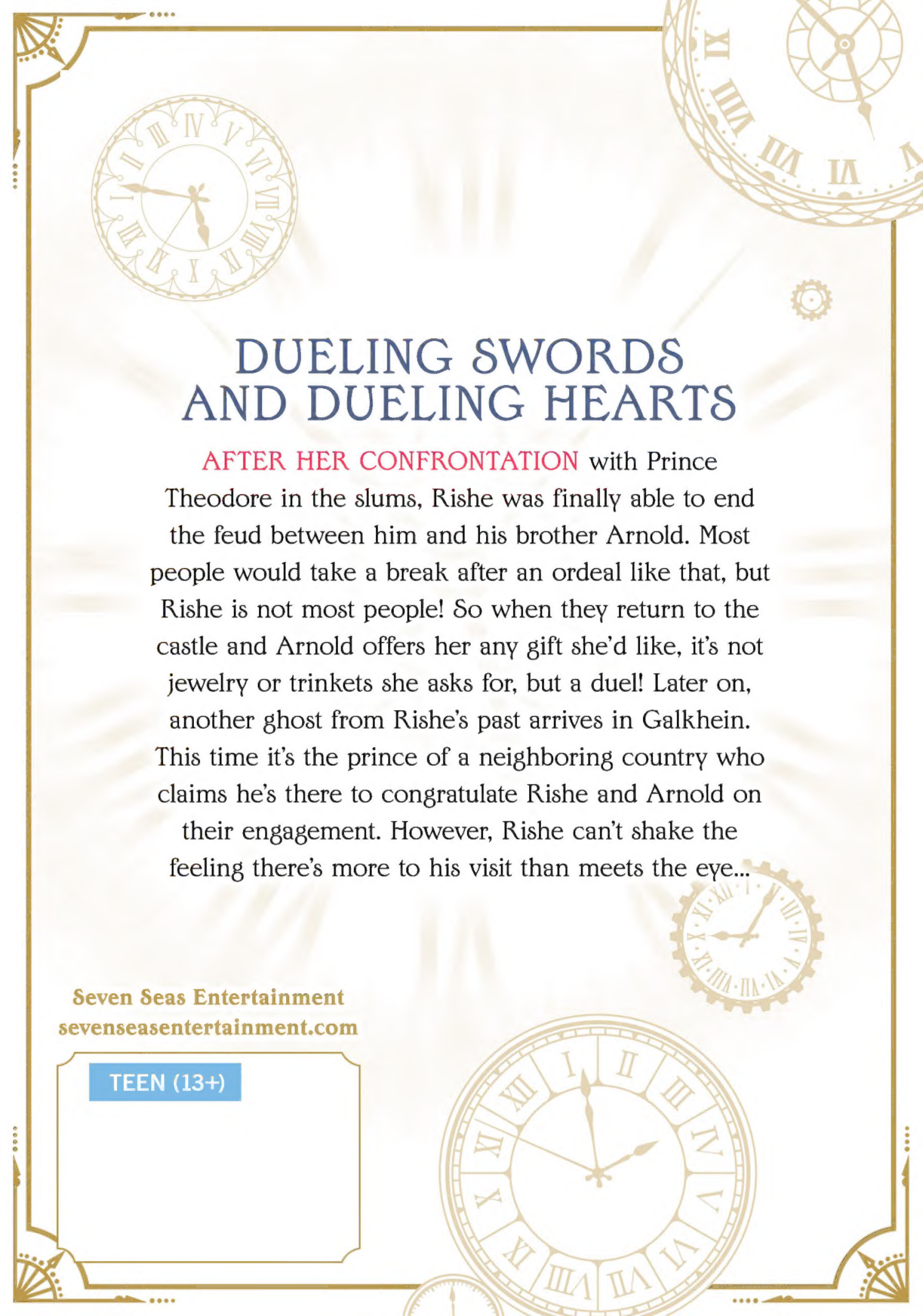
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AFTER HER CONFRONTATION with Prince Theodore in the slums, Rishe was finally able to end the feud between him and his brother Arnold. Most people would take a break after an ordeal like that, but Rishe is not most people! So when they return to the castle and Arnold offers her any gift she'd like, it's not jewelry or trinkets she asks for, but a duel! Later on, another ghost from Rishe's past arrives in Galkhein. This time it's the prince of a neighboring country who claims he's there to congratulate Rishe and Arnold on their engagement. However, Rishe can't shake the feeling there's more to his visit than meets the eye...

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